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Khomeini meets Arafat; PLO gets Israeli offices

TEHRAN, Feb. 17 (Agen-ies) — Ayatollah Ruhollah .homeini met Palestine Libe-ation Organisation (PLO) lea-er Yasser Arafat here Satur-ay night, Iran's national ra-io reported.

He was the first prominent oreign visitor received by the ayatollah Khomeini since his eturn to Iran from exile two weeks ago.

The radio said the religious ader who wants to turn Iran ito an Islamic republic met rafat, and other Palestinian fficials at his headquarters at 030 (1700 GMT). It gave no etails about the talks.

Arafat came to Iran to personally congratulate the 78-year-old leader for the success of Iran's Islamic revolution. A Palestinian plane that apparently brought Arafat here from Beirut landed while the last of three American evacuation flights was about to depart from Tehran's Mehrabad Airport Saturday afternoon.

Khomeini has handed over the ransacked Israeli trade mission in Tehran to Arafat's Palestine Liberation Organization and expressed sympathy for the Palestinian cause.

Meanwhile, industry sources said a majority of Iranian wor-

Yasser Arafat

Ayatollah Khomeini

kers — including those in the country's oilfields — appeared to be heeding Ayatollah Khomeini's call to return to work after months of strikes.

But the sources said the government has not yet decided how much oil Iran should produce now that the Shah's regime has been dismantled.

There were unconfirmed reports from Morocco, where the Shah is staying, that he is seriously considering abdicating the throne as a way of helping calm the situation in his country.

At Mehrabad Airport, closed since last weekend's bloody street fighting which swept Khomeini into power after years in exile, two British and three American planes were allowed to take off, carrying 1,100 people out of Iran.

However, scheduled Air France and Australian Air Force flights were refused permission to land at the airport and about 150 citizens of those two countries were told to go back to their houses. However, airport sources said the two flights would be allowed to land soon.

In the oilfields, sources said it would be some weeks before Iran would even consider producing oil for export. Only the 700,000 barrels a day needed for domestic use will be produced, the sources said.

Strikes in the oil industry and other key sectors of the economy were a major factor in the process which toppled the Shah's government and put an end to 2,500 years of monarchy in Iran.

Khomeini's apparently successful call for a return to work was seen as a major test of his authority. Many shops and other businesses in Tehran's bazaar were open Saturday for the first time in months.

At the airport, reports said about 800 Americans and more than 250 Britons were evacuated, flying variously to Cyprus, Germany and Italy. An Italian airplane also took out about 100 Italians.

While armed guards provided by Khomeini's government stood security watch a Pan Am Boeing 747 jumbo jet left Mehrabad Airport for Frankfurt, West Germany, at 4:35 p.m.

The first plane was followed 50 minutes later by another Pan Am jumbo jet headed for Rome. An Air Force C-141

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U.S. cautions

China raids Vietnam

TOKYO, Feb. 17 (AP)— 'he leadership of the Chinese Communist Party has decided o launch an organized "at-ack of self defense" against Vietnam, Japan's Kyodo News ervice said Saturday in a dis-atch from Peking.

Radio Hanoi also announc-d Saturday night that Chinese roops launched an attack long the whole of China's order with Vietnam early Sat-rday morning.

Kyodo, quoting an unnamed Chinese government source, aid China had not declared var on Vietnam. The agency aid the Chinese appeared to have launched an organized attack on the Vietnamese, but that report could not be confirmed.

According to Kyodo, a Chinese Communist Party bulletin issued Saturday said China had decided to battle Vietnam to punish the Vietnamese for violence against Chinese border residents.

Vietnam and China have been involved in escalating border skirmishes for the past year. The fighting started in response to Chinese claims that ethnic Chinese were being

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King Khaled honors Queen

RIYADH, Feb. 17 (Agencies) — King Khaled Saturday gave a dinner in honor of Queen Elizabeth at Al-Maazar Palace, attended by the Duke of Edinburgh, Second Deputy Premier and Commander of National Guard, Prince Abdullah, princes, officials and senior officers.

Earlier in the day the Queen and her party including Foreign Secretary David Owen, were welcomed at Riyadh Airport by the King.

Crown Prince Fahd, Prince Abdullah, princes and members of the Diplomatic Corps were also at the airport. Thousands of Saudi and British nationals working in the Kingdom filled the airport lounges to glimpse the Queen.

The Queen's Concorde touched down in Riyadh at 1 p.m. to a 21 gun salute and the skirl of National Guard bagpipes.

After the British and Saudi national anthems; the two monarchs reviewed a guard of honor, as the Saudi state radio, carrying the ceremonies live, praised the historic relations between the two countries, based on mutual respect and interest."

At the VIP lounge, the Queen and her party were served the traditional Arab token of hospitality — coffee poured from shiny brass kettles.

The queen's motorcade later headed for the Nasseriyah Guest House where she will stay during her two days in Riyadh. Monday the Queen will head for Dhahran to inspect oil installations.

The visit is aimed at stressing and enhancing friendship. But Owen is expected to conduct political and economic talks on the sidelines with Saudi officials.

Commenting on the visit, the Saudi press said it would cement Saudi-British relations.

"While Britain has lost its political influence in the region, it can still contribute to its development through trade and technology," one said.

Britain "could do a lot more to help stability and peace in the region by working with European partners in bringing pressure to bear on Israel to agree on a just and lasting peace."

Friday afternoon the queen spent the afternoon in the desert at the Bahrain races.

ROYAL WELCOME: King Khaled receives Queen Elizabeth II upon arrival in Riyadh Saturday. Top picture shows from left Second Deputy Premier and Commander of the National Guard Prince Abdullah, Crown Prince Fahd, Prince Philip, the Queen and King Khaled. Picture in the middle shows Queen Elizabeth and King Khaled at the VIP Lounge and bottom, the royal visitor shakes hands with Saudi princes, ministers and senior officials.—(SPA)

Isa ibn Salman Al-Khalifa her host and his new stallion, Amo Ghazil, beat the favorite in one of the meeting's races.

The Queen, herself the owner of a large stable, congratulated him, smiling warmly.

The Queen had a private lunch with the ruler's wife, Sheikha Hassa, Friday while the Duke of Edinburgh saw falcons kept by the heir apparent, Sheikh Hamad ibn Isa Al-Khalifa.

"You hold it, I'll look at it." the Duke said to the Royal falconer.

Ali ibn Hassan Al-Majid Al-Naimi, 70, the falconer, had offered to place one of the swiftest, sharp-taloned Saker hawks on the Duke's arm.

But the Duke chose to admire him from a respectful distance.

The Queen and the duke have already visited Kuwait. Other countries on the royal tour are Qatar, the United Arab Emirates and Oman.

Khaled meets well-wishers

RIYADH, Feb. 17 (SPA) — King Khaled Saturday received a large number of Saudis who came to wish him well upon his return from a desert tour.

The King also received Al-Hajj Muhammad Hanifa, the Sri Lanka minister of communications.

Imports up 27 per cent

RIYADH, Feb. 17 (SPA) — Saudi Arabia's imports rose 7 per cent in 1978, over 1977, ccording the General Ports Authority Saturday.

An Authority spokesman aid that imports totalled 35.80 million freight tons in the same eriod.

He added that the number f ships to call at the King-lom's ports reached 6,619 — n increase of 25 per cent.

The spokesman said that des-pite of the large number of hips "all vessels were unload-d efficiently."

He said that the Ports Au-hority had overcome conges-ion since 1977.

At Camp David

Sadat: No more concessions

ISMAILIA, Egypt, Feb. 17 (R) — President Anwar Sadat said Saturday his country would make no concessions at next week's Camp David ministerial meetings on a proposed peace treaty with Israel, American officials said.

They said Sadat told visiting American Defense Secretary Harold Brown that Egypt had made enough concessions in the peace process, and it was now up to Israel.

The scheduled one-hour discussion between Sadat and Brown ran on for two hours to cover a range of security issues, including additional American arms for his country.

American defense officials who attended the meeting said that, despite Sadat's forceful remarks on Camp David, the talks were "quite friendly."

Egypt and Israel are due to resume their deadlocked peace negotiations at the presidential retreat in Maryland on Wednesday.

Sadat said earlier Saturday that events in Iran had aroused his concern for stability in the Middle East and he was asking for American weapons on par with those supplied to Israel.

"Whenever there is any issue like (stability) in the area, we should be treated — all of us — on the same level," Sadat said.

The chaos in Iran appeared to have been at the center of talks between Sadat and American Secretary of Defense Harold Brown at Sadat's villa here near the Suez Canal. Both Egypt and Israel, which Brown visited earlier, are making the point that they are worthy defenders of stability now that the Shah has been deposed and replaced by an unpredictable, in American eyes, Islamic republic.

WAILING WALL: U.S. Secretary of Defense Harold Brown visiting the Wailing Wall in East Jerusalem.—(AP wirephoto)

Neither Sadat nor Brown went into details on arms, but Sadat said "Yes, for sure I shall be making arms requests."

"As long as I live here I shall be defending my country, my Arab colleagues and anyone in the area against any foreign intervention," Sadat said. "For that I am asking for arms for my country."

Killing of U.S. envoy

By Barry Shlachter

KABUL, Feb. 17 (AP) — *It was a chilly, clear Wednesday morning when U.S. Ambassador Adolph "Spike" Dubs finished breakfast, climbed into his yellow Oldsmobile and headed for the embassy. He never made it.*

His car, flying a small American flag, was stopped by four armed terrorists, triggering a tense drama that climaxed with Dubs' death and U.S. diplomatic protests to Afghanistan and the Soviet Union.

Here is a reconstruction based on interviews with witnesses and diplomatic sources and official Afghan announcements:

At 8:25 A.M., Dubs left his residence. His driver, Gul Muhammad, routinely locked all of the car's doors by remote control and took one of the systematically varied routes to the U.S. embassy.

At an intersection near the *American cultural center*, about halfway to the embassy, a man in a policeman uniform motioned the car to stop and told the driver he wished to ask about some "suspicions."

As Muhammad lowered the window, the man raised a revolver to his head and ordered *to unlock the doors*. The "policeman" and three others entered the car about 8:40 and told the driver to go to the Kabul Hotel in the center of town.

At the hotel, Dubs was taken up to the second floor by three of the gunmen. The fourth went to the front desk and brought back a clerk at gunpoint to unlock the door to Room 117.

Dubs' driver was freed and told to go to the embassy to tell U.S. officials about the abduction. Embassy officials told Afghan authorities, who sent police to the hotel.

The police arrived at 9 a.m., and so did U.S. diplomat Bruce Flatin, who advised them to use extreme caution, saying "time is on the side of the authorities"

Three Soviet police advisers arrived at the hotel a few *minutes later carrying* equipment wrapped in a green cover, followed by Sergei Bakhurin, chief security officer at the Soviet Embassy here. It is not known what the equipment was.

WIDOW: Grief-striken Mary Anne Dubs, widow of slain American Ambassador Adolph Dubs, embraced by an unidentified friend on her arrival aboard jet sent by President Carter to return Dubs' body to United States.—(AP wirephoto)

At 11:20, Afghan authorities moved ladders against the wall of the hotel. Hundreds of troops ringed the building.

Twenty minutes later, Flatin was allowed to speak through the keyhole to Dubs. Afghan security officials suggested he use a language other than English because the kidnappers did not understand English.

"How are you," Flatin asked in German.

"I'm fine." Replied Dubs. These were to be his last known words.

The kidnappers, realizing the two were not speaking in English, shouted to the ambassador to stop. At this point, American officials learned that demands had been shouted through the door to Afghan authorities. The terrorists set a noon deadline, later extended to 1 p.m.

The demands have not been fully disclosed. But the government announced the terrorists sought the release of a man named Bahruddin Bahes, assumed to be one of the several thousand political prisoners in Afghanistan.

Nothing is publicly known about the political sympathies of Bahes or the four terrorists, who have yet to be identified.

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Iran made U.S. anxious for peace, Dayan claims

TEL AVIV, Feb. 17 (R) — Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan said Friday night the Iranian crisis had spurred the United States into seeking an Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty as soon as possible.

"The U.S. does not think time is working in its (an agreement's) favor" Dayan told an Israel Radio interviewer.

"They believe that as time passes the chances of reaching an agreement will diminish. Therefore they believe we must try to get what we can," he added.

Dayan said there was a possibility the United States would exert pressure on Israel at next week's resumption of negotiations at Camp David.

"This danger (of American pressure) is almost a constant factor in all triangular relationships between us, the Arabs and the U.S. ...," he said

Dayan, who will take part in next week's talks with Egyptian Prime Minister Mustafa Khalil and American Secretary of State Cyrus Vance, listed five issues as being on the agenda for the talks.

— Articles Four and Six of the draft peace agreement which deals with arrangements in Sinai after Israeli troops are withdrawn and the proposed accord's precedence over previous commitments by Egypt to Arab countries.

— A joint letter on a target date for the establishment of autonomy for Palestinians on the West Bank and Gaza Strip. The Egyptians want negotiations on this to begin the month after the signing of an accord.

—The question of an exchange of ambassadors, which Egypt wants tied to the implementation of the autonomy plans.

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On Palestinian land

Jordan urges U.N. parley

UNITED NATIONS, Feb. 17 (R) — Jordan says it was taking steps to convene an urgent Security Council meeting to consider the "ominous and accelerating erosion of the Palestinian land" in the occupied territories.

Addressing the U.N. Committee on the Rights of the Palestinian People, Ambassador Hazem Nuseibeh of Jordan said Israel had already taken over much of the fertile land on the West Bank as well as water resources.

"The situation has deteriorated to the point where the very survival of the Palestinian people on Palestinian soil is in serious jeopardy," he said.

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At Houston lunch

Iran a victim of arms buildup, too rapid growth, Pharaon says

Houston Bureau
By Susan Arkell

HOUSTON, Feb. 17 — Large-scale purchases of arms and "too rapid" development created an unstable atmosphere in Iran and led to the downfall of the Shah and moves toward the formation of an Islamic Republic, a leading Jeddah businessman said here this week.

Ghaith R. Pharaon, head of the Saudi Research and Development Corp. (REDEC) told the Rotary Club of Houston on Feb. 15, "Iran was a case of too rapid growth."

"The fast pace threatened the social and cultural values of the people and led to a negative reaction and the fall of the Shah," Pharaon said at a luncheon speech at the Shamrock Hilton Hotel.

Dr. Ghaith Pharaon

Pharaon, whose Jeddah-based conglomerate is the largest private enterprise in the Middle East, expressed confidence in Iran's new leadership under the Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini.

"We all should at least give the present regime a chance to prove itself — rather than accuse it of being made up of fanatical muslims who will immediately institute the cutting of hands and stoning for criminal actions," he said.

The former emphasis on the purchase of armaments will now shift to agricultural and industrial development projects, Pharaon predicted. Oil production will resume, he said, but the level of production "will be in line with the development needs of the nation."

"Islam has never been opposed to development and industrialization," he said. "This can be seen in the progress of the sciences, medicine and astrology throughout Arab history."

The failure of leaders to "respond to the will of the people" is the major cause of instability in any nation, Pharaon said.

The change of leadership in Iran will be for the better "only if the Western nations are willing to assist," Pharaon added.

"If the Western world abandons Iran now, the leadership there will find only one ally: the Soviet Union. Under the veil of Islam, the Soviet threat will move in, create turmoil and take over Iran."

Saudi Arabia, Pharaon said, remains vulnerable to a Soviet threat while the United States' influence in the Middle East continues to "dwindle to low levels."

"We have seen encroachments of Cubans in Ethiopia; in Afghanistan the Soviet-backed forces have taken control — without any reaction from the United States," Pharaon said.

With its vast oil reserves, large area and small population, Saudi Arabia has proved that it needs an alliance with the United States, he added.

"It is not Saudi Arabia that will stand in the face of a Russian invasion — rather, it will be the United States."

Mission branches slated to help students in U.S.

HOUSTON—Feb. 17—A new branch office of the Saudi Arabian Educational Mission to the United States will be established in Los Angeles, by the end of February, a *mission official* said.

Dr. Reda Kabli, educational attache who heads the mission's Houston-beadquarters, told "Arab News" the mission plans also to create regional offices in Chicago, Ill., Denver, Colo., Seattle, Wash., Norman, Okla., Atlanta Ga., and Philadelphia, Pa.

The Los Angeles office will serve the increasing number of Saudi students, 2,144 In January, 1979, studying in California universities.

The Chicago office, which will be established after the Los Angeles is opened, will supervise and help Saudi students studying in Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota.

Each branch office will be headed by a regional supervisor reporting to the Mission in Houston. An academic advisory unit and a social and cultural advisory unit will function under the direction of the regional supervisor.

The branch offices will be expected:

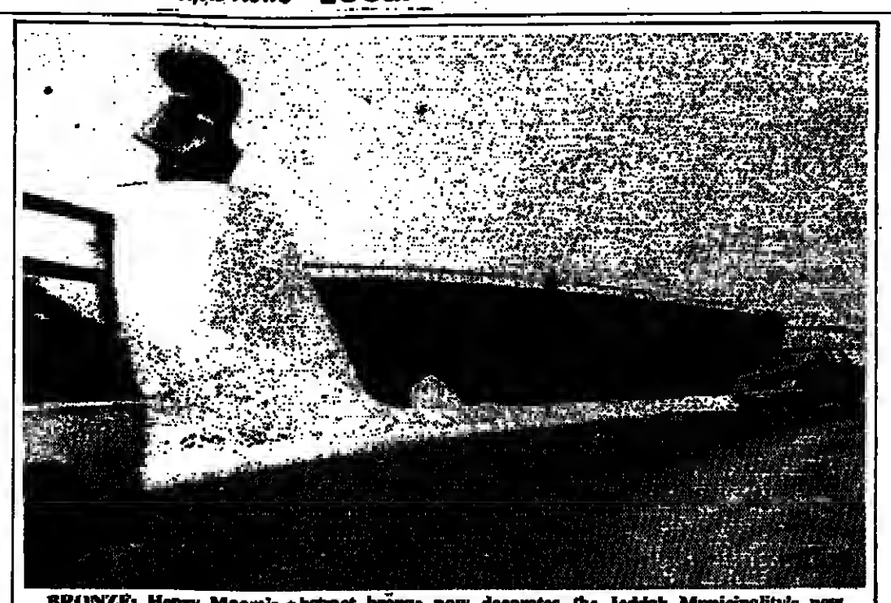
—to receive the student on arrival ,take receipt of his papers and advise him on choice of residence and language institute, as well as supply him with pamphlets outlining features of his new society.

—to collect and evaluate academic reports,

—to encourage students of high moral and academic character by assigning them to social and academic functions and academic functions and,

—to hold educational symposiums for students on Saudi government scholarships in the same discipline.

The Houston headquarters serves about 11,000 Saudi students throughout the United States. An average of 850 telephone inquiries are answered daily at the Houston office, Kabli said.—Susan Arkell



BRONZE: Henry Moore's abstract bronze now decorates the Jeddah Municipality's new flyover over the Arabian Lagoon, where pilgrims used to perform their ablutions.

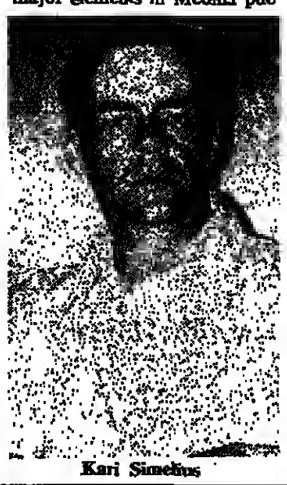
In Medina

Sewage program belies labor myth

By a Staff Reporter

JEDDAH, Feb. 17 — The widely held belief that Saudis are unwilling to undertake difficult or disagreeable jobs in the public sector is belied by reports from Medina of Saudis taking over the city's sewage treatment plant and network.

According to officials of Finnish firms contracted by the Ministry of Municipal and Rural Affairs, Saudi trainees are successfully taking care of major elements in Medina public health through important positions at the plant and overseeing the network.



Kari Simelius

A joint venture of the Finnish firms YIT and CCC was contracted by the ministry for a five-year operation, maintenance and training contract in 1974. The SR58m contract will be completed in September.

Since the training program started 2½ years ago, 54 Saudis have taken over positions in the plant—three in the management positions of plant manager, network manager and operation superintendant.

Kari G. Simelius of the YIT-CCC Joint Venture said this week progress in training — conducted in Finland, Egypt and on the Medina system—has been remarkably good in comparison to experience on the Jeddah and Riyadh systems.

Ten trainees of foremen or higher have reached "100 per cent maturity" — that is, can work independently or under only minimal supervision from the four Finns left at the project. The remainder hover between 60 and 90 per cent maturity and it is expected that these will be able to take over their jobs in September.

While Simelius admitted that low salaries at the start of the training program had deterred the number of applicants, a major 70 per cent increase of final salaries for the Civil Service had filled the gap both in the number and the satisfaction of the trainees.

Agreement signed

Muslim news agency leases Rome network

RIYADH, Feb. 17 (SPA) — The International Islamic News Agency (IINA) signed an agreement Saturday with Italy's Radio Stampa for the leasing of wireless and telecommunications facilities.

The agreement was signed by Dr. Abdul Aziz Khoja, deputy information minister and chairman of IINA's executive board, Safdar Ali Qureshi, director general of IINA, and Dr. Eugenio Anofazi, managing director of Radio Stampa.

Under the agreement, Radio Stampa will provide the IINA with high frequency transmitters for news relays to the Middle and Near East, Africa, Asia and some European countries.

It will also provide the facilities to set up a receiving station at IINA's headquarters in Jeddah, which will be linked to the radio's Rome-based headquarters through satellite.

The agreement will enable the agency for the first time to collect the news from member countries as well as from international news centers ano to transmit them at speed.

The agency aims to manage its own wireless and telecommunications network and eventually develop into a full-fledged world news agency.

The executive board of the agency is made up of delegates from Egypt, Tunisia, Morocco, Syria, Senegal, Iran, Pakistan and Malaysia and Dr. Khoja, representing the Kingdom.

The IINA, an affiliate of the Jeddah-based Islamic Conference, was created to convey an Islamic image of the Muslim world and to promote the flow of news between Muslim countries.

Foreign workers flogged at port for theft attempt

JEDDAH, Feb. 17 — Two foreign laborers at Jeddah Port received 90 lashes each Friday after being found guilty of attempting to steal a trailer.

"Al-Medina" newspaper reported Saturday that the two men were arrested while trying to couple the trailer with their vehicle near the beadquarters of the Port Security Department.

Capt. Khidr Omar Al-Quraish, chief of investigations at the department, read out the verdict in Arabic and English before the punishment was carried out in public by Lt. Ayed Al-Qahtani.

The Governorate of Mecca received a report on the arrest last week from Brig. Muhammad Faisal Al-Harithi, Jeddah chief of police, and had submitted it to the Ministry of the Interior which approved the flogging.

The nationality of the two was not announced.

Religious unit lauds Zia moves

RIYADH, Feb. 17 (SPA)—Sheikh Abdul Aziz bin Baz, president of the Departments of Scholarly Research, Legal Rulings, Propagation and Religious Guidance, has cabled his appreciation to President Zia ul-Haq on new Sharia measures in Pakistan saying that "Muslims share in the rejoicing of the people of Pakistan on this great event for the sake of which Pakistan came into existence." Gen. Zia introduced a number of measures, including Islamic punishments and the Zakat wealth tax last week.

Solaim to hold talks in France

JEDDAH, Feb. 17 (SPA)—Minister of Commerce Dr. Soliman A. Solaim will pay a three-day visit to France beginning Feb. 25 at the invitation of the French Minister of Foreign Trade.

Jazairi views March conference

RIYADH, Feb. 17 (SPA)—Minister of Health Dr. Hussein Al-Jazairi Saturday met Dr. Zaki Ahmed Hamdi, secretary general of the Council of Arab Health Ministers, now on a visit to the Kingdom. The two officials discussed arrangements for the second session of the council to be held in Riyadh on March 11. Hamdi arrived here Friday.

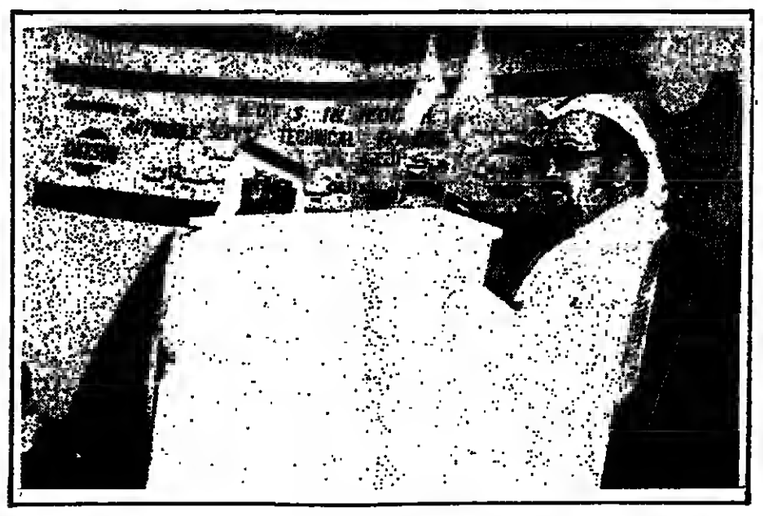
Khaled to open Dammam plant

JEDDAH, Feb. 17 — King Khaled will open the Aluminium Products Company (ALUPCO) in Dammam Tuesday, it was reported by "Al-Jazirah" newspaper Saturday.

The inaugural ceremony will be held at the company's headquarters in Dammam's industrial park, the paper said.

Siraj Zahran-Datsun celebrates the opening of its first training course.

46 Saudi candidates training Japanese cars technology.



Messrs. Siraj H. Zahran aod Co. gave a party at the Jeddah Palace Hotel last Saturday afternoon on the occasion of the opening of the first technical training course organized by the company in collaboration with Nissan Motor Company and Japanese government agencies concerned. The course will train Saudi youths in mechanical and electrical work and will last 40 days.

The party was attended by a large number of businessmen including the president and members of the Jeddah chamber of commerce, professors of mechanics at King Abdul Aziz university, the model technical institute the Japanese ambassador and embassy staff. There were three representatives of Nissan Motor also present in addition to the chief executives of Siraj Zahran company. They were received by Sheikh Asaad Kandeil vice president of Siraj Zahran and partners.

Sheikh Kandeil says: We hope that the course will qualify Saudi youths to contribute to the development of the country.

Speaking on the occasion, Sheikh Kandeil said: "In the name of Almighty God we are glad to inaugurate the first course in electro-mechanics organized by Zahran in collaboration with our principals Nissan Motor Co., Ltd Our goal is to offer the best possible service to our country and people.

"I must point out that the course is not organized only for Siraj Zahran & Co. employees but for all employees of the government, institutes and private companies. The number today exceeds 46 candidates, he said. It is very clear that the intention is not to make money out of this course. Our only aim is to serve the country and create a generation of technically qualified men to participate in the development of the country under the guidance and leadership of King Khaled and Crown Prince Fahd.

"I would like to sincerely request all other companies to follow our example and contribute to the development of their country with such good programs if training and education."

Training Manager, Nissan — Motor says: We decided to give the priority in training programs to Saudi Arabia.

As evidence of the importance of the occasion, it was attended by S. Ishimoto, manager, training, export service department of Nissan Motor Company Ltd. who said:

"It is indeed a great pleasure for me to have this opportunity to say a few words at this party for the Automobile Technical Service Training jointly conducted by the Association for Overseas Technical Scholarship, one of the Japanese government organizations, Nissan Motor Co. and Siraj Hamid Zahran and Co.

"Since 1960 the Association for Overseas Technical Scholarship has been introducing to friendly countries Japan's highest industrial technologies and know-how in order to contribute to the expansion of their industrialization and to promote a close mutual understanding between these countries and Japan. Until now these training programs were held in Japan. However, many trainees encountered language difficulties, and this has prompted the Japanese government to hold these courses in the countries concerned.

He said that since 1960 Nissan Motor Co. has been participating in these training programs by accepting over 400 trainees. The Association for Overseas Tehnical Scholarship has requested Nissan to select the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia as the first country in which to conduct the Automobile Technical Service Training on the spot. Siraj H. Zahran and Nissan Motor companies have willingly and with pleasure agreed to this request."

Sheikh Ahmed Al Yahia director general of the Western Province labour office in an impromtu speech says, "I hope to see, in the very near future, all other similar companies adopting Siraj H. Zahran's excellent attitude towards the technical education of the youth of Saudi Arabia. I deeply congratulate the participants of this course and hope they will get the most possible benefits. On behalf of the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs, I thank and congratulate M/s. Siraj Zahran & Co. and assure that the ministry of labour and social affairs will put all possible facilities and assistance under their disposal. In conclusion I thank you very much once again for your audience.

Sheikh Kandeil said that the course has 46 candidates all of whom graduates of technical institutes and have a two year practical experience. They will receive theoretical and practical training for six hours a day through the best possible months, equipment and instruments in the electro-mechanics of cars and car technology in general. The course will last 40 days from February 17 to March 26 supervised by qualified teachers drawn from the Japanese Association for Overseas Technical Scholarship. Successful candidates will be giveun certificates testifying to their training. The certificates are validated by the Association and Nissan and Zahran ocmpanies.

Sheikh Kandeil gave a luncheon party in honor of the guests.

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Emotional Kabul ceremony mourns U.S. envoy's death

KABUL, Feb. 17 (Agencies) — A U.S. Marine guard openwept and another guard and American woman fainted during an emotion-charged memorial service here Friday for slain Ambassador Adolph Dubs.

"These are, for the American foreign service, troubled times," said Harry Barnes, director-general of the U.S. diplomatic corps, who arrived here on a presidential plane dispatched to bring back Dubs' Body.

The U.S. Air Force plane, carrying the body of the slain ambassador home for burial, left Saturday after an equally emotional departure ceremony. The full diplomatic corps was present at Kabul Airport and the Afghan government was represented by Information Minister Bariq Shafi and two deputy ministers of foreign affairs.

But the country's two most powerful figures, President Nur Muhammad Taraki and Foreign Minister Hafizullah Amin, who described the 58-year-old Dubs, in condolence messages, as "a good friend of Afghanistan", were not present at the airport.

Mary Anne Dubs, who flew from Washington to accompany her husband's body, wept as the coffin was loaded aboard the plane.

She also sobbed throughout the memorial service.

U.S.-Afghan relations, not particularly cordial since a pro-Soviet regime took over in a coup have nose-dived with Dubs' death.

Although formally invited by diplomatic note, no member of the Afghan government attended the memorial service. However, the foreign ministry sent a wreath.

The funeral service will be held Tuesday morning at Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia.

Meanwhile, Soviet Ambassador to the United States Anatoly Dobrynin expressed profound regret Friday night over the death of Dubs and said Soviet advisers were not responsible for the Afghanistan government's handling of the incident, the State Department said.

King Hassan

King Hassan, Giscard discuss Iran, Africa

PARIS, Feb. 17 (AP) — King Hassan II of Morocco lunched with French President Valery Giscard d'Estaing Friday and both reaffirmed their commitment to close ties.

The luncheon came on the third day of a private visit that included discussions about the turbulent situation in Africa and the Islamic world.

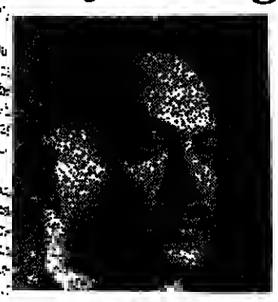
The presidents were also understood to have discussed the situation in Iran following the departure of the Shah who has been in Morocco since Jan. 22.

The Shah remained in Marrakesh, Morocco's winter capital, until Thursday when he drove to Rabat.

Talking with newsmen after Friday's lunch with Giscard d'Estaing and other French officials, Hassan said, "(the Shah) is living these events with his heart, because it is his country, and with his head, because he led it for 37 years."

Hassan has been concerned largely with the guerrilla war over the former Spanish Sahara.

Ziaur party seen winning today's Bangladesh polls



President Ziaur Rahman

DACCA, Feb. 17 (R) — The government-backed Bangladesh National Party (BNP) of strongman President Ziaur Rahman is expected to sweep national parliamentary elections Sunday.

President Ziaur, 42, who has ruled Bangladesh with an iron fist since he came to power in a military coup three-and-a-half years ago, has promised a return to parliamentary democracy.

Although he rejected opposition demands to remove martial law before the elections, Gen. Ziaur, who is martial law administrator and military chief, has said martial law will be removed following the formation of a new parliament.

The president, who now seldom wears military uniforms, hopes to emerge as the democratically elected civilian leader of Bangladesh and to push through reforms.

There has been some improvement in the country's economy under Ziaur's rule and Bangladesh is expected to become self-sufficient in food within the next few years.

Ziaur released several hundred political prisoners prior to the election campaign but many are still believed to be inside.

Although the BNP is expected to win the election with a big majority, there is likely to be a strong representation in the new 300-member parliament of the Awami League (Malek) Party.

This is the party of former Bangladesh leader Sheikh Mujibur Rahman who was killed in the 1975 military coup.

30 Americans flown from Chad fighting

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17 (Agencies)—Thirty Americans have left the Central African country of Chad following escalating civil warfare in and around the capital city of N'djamena, the State Department has said.

Spokesman Hodding Carter said Friday George Henry Suhre, an American pilot for the Continental Oil Co., was killed by a stray bullet on Tuesday. Suhre's hometown was not disclosed.

Carter said some 170 Americans are living in N'djamena and the U.S. embassy has advised them to leave the city. He put the total number of Americans living in the former French colony at 230.

The Americans who departed Chad on Thursday included non-essential official employees and dependents of officials. Carter said two of the 300 flew out aboard a French flight carrying French evacuees to Gabon.

The destination of the remaining Americans who departed the country was not known.

President Valery Giscard d'Estaing has said that planes would be provided for any French citizens who wish to leave the country. Spokesman Carter said France also has offered to help evacuate Americans.

Chad President Felix Malloum resigned earlier this week and reportedly turned over power to the police commander, Wadal Addelkader Kamougue.

Algeria affirms aid for Polisario

ALGIERS, Feb. 17 (R)—Foreign Minister Abdul Aziz Bouteflika has reiterated Algeria's support for the separatist movement in the Western Sahara but said his country had no dispute with Morocco. "Algeria's help and support for the National Liberation struggle of the Sahraui (Saharan) people are in conformity with the principle of my country to support all peoples in struggle...." he said Friday.

Egypt's adviser plans Japan visit

TOKYO, Feb. 17 (R)—Egyptian presidential adviser Hassan Muhammad el-Tohami will arrive in Japan on Tuesday for a week-long visit to discuss the Middle East and bilateral economic relations, the foreign ministry said Saturday.

Arabs back nonaligned solidarity

BELGRADE, Feb. 17 (R)—Yugoslav President Tito has said the four Arab countries he visited this month supported his efforts to prevent divisions in the Nonaligned Movement. "We agreed that the movement could fulfil its extremely important international role...only if it acts as an independent force outside blocs," Tito said Friday in a statement on his tour of Kuwait, Iraq, Syria and Jordan.

Dutch minister to visit Israel

THE HAGUE, Feb. 17 (R)—Dutch Foreign Minister Christoph Van der Klaauw will visit Israel from Feb. 24 to 27, it was officially announced here Saturday. His Israeli counterpart, Moshe Dayan, who resumes peace talks with Egypt in the United States next week, will not be available to meet him. So Van der Klaauw will be the guest of Prime Minister Begin, a ministry spokesman said.

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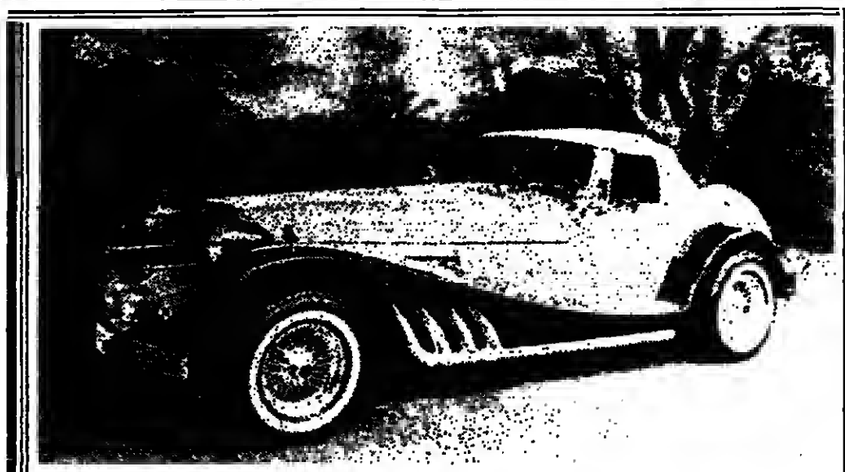

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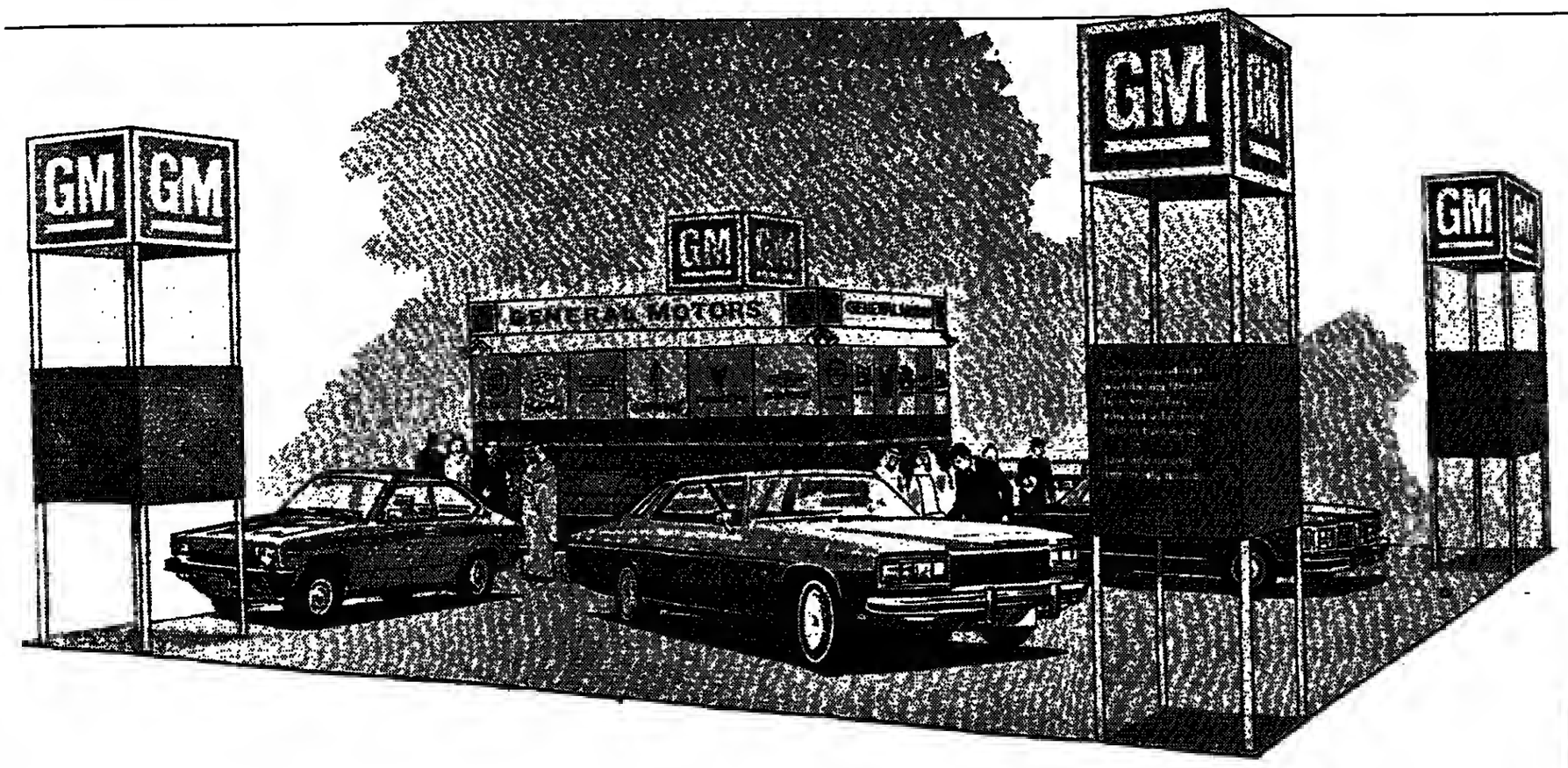

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Snow, ice and blizzards

At least 58 die in icy European weather

PARIS, Feb. 17 (R)—A blast of Arctic weather has brought near paralysis to much of Europe and authorities blamed the cold snap for at least 58 deaths.

In France, heavy snow cut off highways as far south as Marseilles, where traffic was backed up for more than 20 kilometers north of the city and radio stations told motorists to stay home.

Troops in Holland battled with heavy machinery to clear blocked roads, bridges and dykes after a 36-hour blizzard which brought the country to a virtual standstill.

In Sweden, the main highways reopened but cars travelled in convoys behind snowploughs escorted by police. In Denmark, traffic authorities estimated that 8,000 cars had been abandoned because of drifting snow.

Denmark also reported the worst tragedy so far from the freezing weather. The navy said 15 fishermen died in the North Sea off West Jutland when four fishing boats iced over and capsized.

In Britain, suffering its worst winter in 15 years, three railway men were killed in two separate accidents as they cleared snow from blocked tracks in northern England.

A sailor and a woman found frozen to death at a roadside near the West German North Sea port of Cuxhaven were among seven reported fatalities in West Germany. In Emden, a 35-year-old woman suffocated when the smoke pipes from her heating system froze.

Elsewhere in West Germany, about 150 children were evacuated from a freezing orphanage at St. Peter Ording after heating oil ran out and trucks could not get through snow-blocked roads to replenish it.

Army tanks helped ploughs to clear the drifts.

In the Soviet Union, Moscow Radio reported that the far eastern port of Vanino was blocked by ice pushed in by strong northeast winds and even the polar icebreaker Leningrad could not get through.

The weather hampered shipping elsewhere in Europe.

Divided Koreans discuss unity in first meeting for six years

PANMUNJOM, Korean Demilitarised Zone, Feb. 17 (R) — Senior North and South Korean officials shook hands for the first time in six years Saturday as discussions reopened on possible reunification of the Peninsula and its 53 million people.

South Korean officials said it was decided at the 90-minute meeting to hold a second session March 7.

The delegates also agreed in principle to reopen a telephone link between Pyongyang and Seoul, although the timing of such a move and other technicalities still have to be decided.

The atmosphere was relaxed but the two sides remained far apart on most matters of substance and refused even to recognize each other's credentials.

The South Koreans said that the northern delegation, from an organization called the Democratic Front for the Unification of the Fatherland, could not represent the Pyongyang authorities.

The North Koreans maintained that the Southerners, representing the Seoul side of the joint South-North Coordinating Committee (SNCC) which last met in 1973, are delegates of an organization which no longer has any motive for existence.

The South Koreans called for reactivation of the SNCC and suggested a meeting be held in Pyongyang on April 3.

RUBBISH: Piles of garbage turned London's Leicester Square into a dump last week during the barbage collectors' strike. That has since come to an end, and a new pay offer that is being negotiated with other public workers may bring about a wider agreement. (AP photo)

New pay offer may end British strikes

LONDON, Feb. 17 (AP) — An end to the public service workers' strike that has disrupted British hospitals, schools and refuse disposal for nearly four weeks appears possible next week after a new pay offer from municipalities.

The employers' bargaining unit offered a raise of more than nine per cent to negotiators for more than a million low-paid workers who had been demanding a 40 per cent increase.

Scattered nationwide strikes are to continue, however. About 1,150 schools have been closed for lack of fuel and janitors. About 600 of the country's 2,300 hospitals are taking emergency cases only, and snow-clogged roads and stacks of garbage testify to other disruption.

The hospital situation has improved since last week. Then nearly half were taking only emergencies.

A new target for the strike is Edinburgh, where walkouts forced the cancellation of a six-nation ice hockey tournament and prevented sanding of icy roads.

Bundestag members vow to waive Nazi time limit

BONN, Feb. 17 (R) — Over 230 members of the West German Bundestag have pledged support for a proposed change in the law to prevent Nazi criminals still at large from escaping justice.

The parliamentary deputies from all three parties put their names to draft resolutions in favor of suspending the Statute of Limitations.

From the end of this year the statute, unless repealed, will prevent prosecution for crimes committed more than 30 years ago.

Bonn has been strongly urged to annul the statute.

Annulment requires only a simple majority of members present and voting in the Bundestag, which has a strength of 496.

America hands over Philippines bases

CLARK AIR BASE, Philippines Feb. 17 (AP) — The United States has surrendered command of Clark Air Base and Subic Naval Base, symbolically redeeming a promise to end all control over Filipino soil.

The bases are considered the anchors of American military strength in Asia and the western Pacific.

After his top general ran the Filipino flag alone up an 80-meter staff at the gate of Clark Air Base, President Ferdinand Marcos declared:

"Finally and at last, America redeems her word to the Filipino people."

Two hours later and 40 kilometers away, a similar ceremony followed at the Subic Bay Base, where Marcos begged forgiveness for the moment's feeling of elation among Filipinos.

"Only those nations who have been oppressed over the centuries can understand the emotional dimensions of your flag being raised over your territory," Marcos said.

General David Jones, chairman of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff, and American Ambassador Richard Murphy, who read messages from President Jimmy Carter and Defense Secretary Harold brown, represented the United States at both ceremonies.

The recognition of Philippine sovereignty, including the turnover of command of what are now known officially as Clark Air Base of the Armed Forces of the Philippines and Subic Naval Base of the Armed Forces of the Philippines, are among provisions of amendments signed last month to the 32-year-old United States — Philippine bases agreement.

But key issues remain

Carter's Mexico talks end on upbeat note

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 17 (AP) — President Jimmy Carter's troubled Mexican summit ended on an upbeat note Friday with an agreement to seek a fair price for anticipated U.S. purchases of Mexican natural gas.

Carter told members of both houses of the Mexican Congress that his 48-hour visit achieved progress, although the key issues dividing the two neighbors will take years to settle.

Carter and President Jose Lopez Portillo announced in a joint communique that they agreed to launch government-to-government sub-cabinet talk aimed at setting a framework for determining gas prices. This framework would be used by private firms on specific deals.

The two presidents agreed, at Carter's suggestion, to meet again in three months, and also reached agreements on scientific exchanges, desert management and housing.

Carter returned to the White House, on his way to Camp David, to meet with Vice President Walter Mondale and other advisers for a briefing on developments in Iran.

At a news conference after the Carters' departure, Lopez Portillo said no agreements were reached on petroleum sales to the United States, but that his talks with the U.S. president "will provide the foundation for future agreements."

"I am deeply satisfied with the result of this meeting," said Lopez Portillo, who began lecturing Carter and the United States shortly after the visit began.

He beat Carter to an announcement that former Florida Governor Reubin Askew has been asked to head a congressionally mandated commission to report by 1980 on immigration and refugee problems, a key issue that went unresolved during the summit.

In the nine-page joint communique, Mexico for the first time agreed that it shares the migration problem with the United States.

The document was vague about natural gas sales, stating that "the two presidents agreed to have their governmental representatives meet as soon as possible and begin discussing the best means to facilitate decisions on these matters."

3 killed in Peruvian city

Quake rumbles through north Andes

AREQUIPA, Peru, Feb. 17 (AP) — A pre-dawn earthquake shook an extensive region of southern Peru and northern Chile Friday, killing three persons and injuring more than 50 in this colonial city, government officials reported.

Earlier reports from the National Civil Defense headquarters in Lima, some 1,000 kilometers to the north, had placed the number of dead at five.

The government news agency ESI-Peru and local authorities said a woman and two children were killed by falling walls as they ran outside their homes seeking safety.

The quake struck at 5:09 a.m., and continued for some 45 seconds. The tremor shook buildings, broke windows and toppled more than 100 adobe and volcanic rock homes in Arequipa's slum districts.

A dense dust cloud hovered over the city four hours later as volunteers searched for victims and city crews worked to restore electricity, water and other damaged public utilities.

The quake was recorded by seismographs at the San Augustin National University at 6 degrees on the Mercalli Scale, which has a maximum of 12 degrees.

The Peruvian Institute of Geophysics in Lima said its seismographs measured an intensity of 6.2 degrees on the Richter scale.

Aerial Alaska wolf hunt proposed to save moose

JUNEAU, Alaska, Feb. 17 (AP) — Airplane wolf hunts, criticized by environmentalist groups, again have been proposed by Alaska officials in an effort to save a dwindling moose population that rural residents depend on for food.

"We fully understand that this is a very emotional issue ..." one top game official said Friday.

"We have a situation where they're just not coming back," State Fish and Game Commissioner Ronald Skoog said of the moose population.

He said the state wants experienced hunters to shoot at least 170 wolves from airplanes. If the public doesn't protest, game officials may do the shooting from helicopters, Skoog said.

About 35,000 square miles of Alaska's interior would be open for the hunt. No bounty would be paid but hunters would sell the pelts, Skoog said.

Skoog said state officials have gone "as far as they can go" to reduce moose hunting, without completely eliminating hunting for sport.

Alaska has had to sharply curtail hunting wolves recently because of pressure by sport and subsistence hunters.

Officials said they will issue a limited number of permits to the public to shoot wolves from aircraft. Public meetings on the proposal will be held later this year.

Most of the land proposed for the hunt is owned by the federal government, and some of the acreage has been proposed for a national wildlife refuge, Skoog said.

Former Peru prime minister dies

LIMA, Feb. 17 (AP) — Pedro Beltran Espantoso, former prime minister and ex-publisher of "La Prensa," one of Peru's leading newspapers, died Friday afternoon of an apparent heart attack. He was 81.

Gacy said mentally fit for trial

CHICAGO, Feb. 17 (AP) — John Gacy Jr., whose home harbored the remains of 27 young men, has been found by a psychiatrist to be mentally fit to stand trial Judge Louis B. Garippo has said. The final determination of Gacy's fitness is up to Garippo, and the judge has made no ruling on the question.

Vernon Presley leaves hospital

MEMPHIS, Tennessee, Feb. 17 (AP) — Vernon Presley, father of the late Elvis Presley, was released Friday from Baptist Hospital, a month after suffering a heart attack. Presley, 62, was in critical condition during much of his hospital stay.

Chicago blast kills one, injures 18

CHICAGO, Feb. 17 (AP) — An explosion in a steel foundry Friday showered workers with hot metal, killing one and injuring 18, seven of them seriously, authorities said. Fire officials said the explosion at the Burnside Steel Foundry on the South Side was caused when a container of molten sheep overturned at a newly fired furnace and came in contact with water.

New Orleans police on strike again

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 17 (AP) — City police went on strike and set up picket lines again Friday, and city officials said they would be forced to cancel the first big Mardi Gras parades this weekend. The strike, second by police within a week, came after the breakdown of contract talks between the police union and the city.

Figures in be Letelier case are from left to right: Michael Townley, Ignacio Novo Sampol, Guellermo Novo Sampol, Orlando Letelier, and Juan Manuel Contreras Sepulveda. (AP photo)

LETELIER'S WIDOW: Mrs. Isabel Letelier, widow of slain Chilean diplomat Orlando Letelier, smiles outside the U.S. court which convicted three men of conspiring to murder her husband. (AP photos)

Anti-Castro Cuban exiles

U.S. convicts 3 in Letelier slaying

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17 (Agencies) — Three anti-Castro Cuban exiles have been found guilty of conspiring to assassinate Orlando Letelier, a prominent Chilean exile leader.

Letelier and an American research assistant, Mrs. Ronni Moffitt, were killed in September, 1976, when a bomb allegedly planted by the three Cuban exiles exploded under Letelier's car in Washington.

Letelier had been Chile's foreign minister and ambassador to the United States during the Marxist government of Slavador Allende. After Allende was overthrown by Gen. Augusto Pinochet, Letelier become an outspoken critic of the new regime.

The three men found guilty of plotting his killing on Wednesday were all New Jersey residents, who had been arrested in early 1978 by FBI agents. They were Ignacio Novo Sampol, Guillermo Novo Sampol and Alvin Ross Diaz.

During their trial here the prosecution alleged that they had killed Letelier on orders from the now-disbanded Chilean secret police agency, DINA. The former head of DINA, Gen. Manue Contreras Sepulveda, was alleged to have passed along the orders through an American supporter of the Pinochet government, Michael Townley.

Townley was the main prosecution witness at the trial. He was extradited by the Chileans last year after repeated requests for assistance in the case by the United States.

U.S. officials have been trying — so far unsucessfully — to have Gen. Contreras extradited to the U.S. to stand trial on similar charges.

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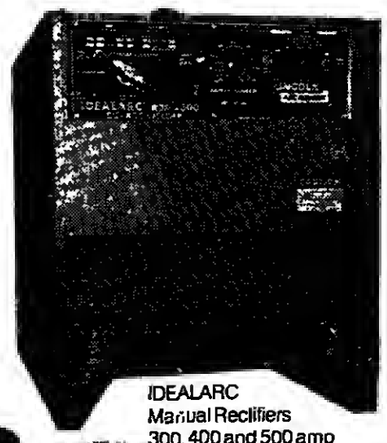

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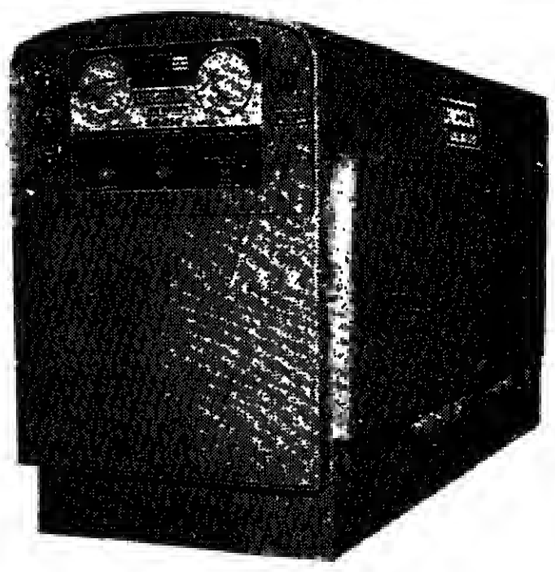

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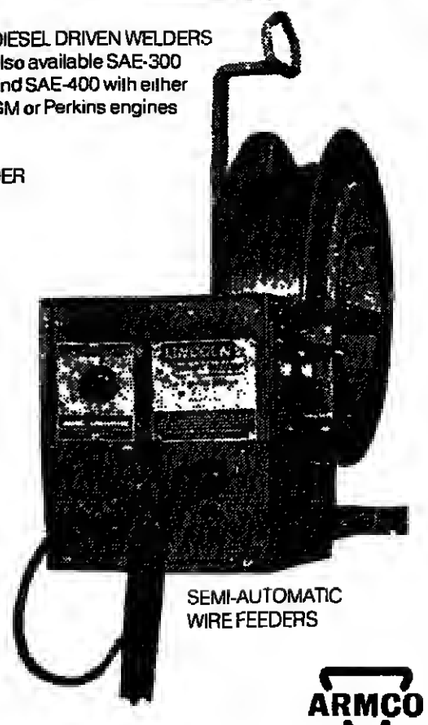

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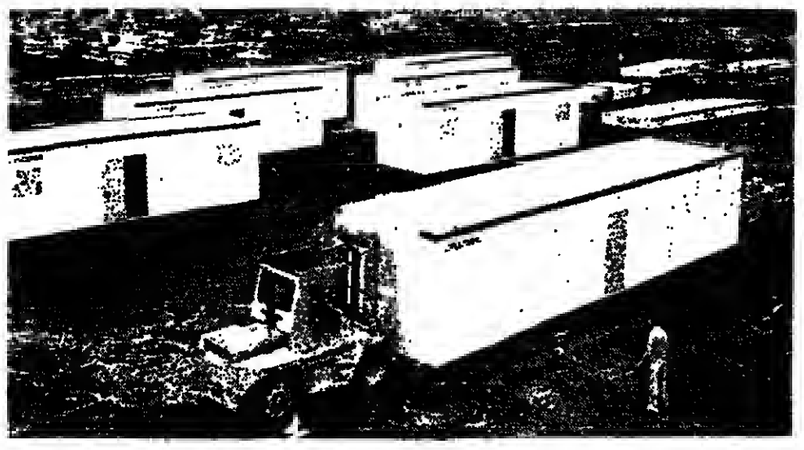

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A GREAT DAY

Yesterday was a great day for the Palestinians as their leader Yasser Arafat visited Tehran and was received by the Ayatollah Khomeini who handed over to him the keys to the Israeli trade mission in Tehran to be used as the Palestine Liberation Organization office.

The Palestinians have thus gained a powerful new friend in the Iranian revolution and in the person of the Ayatollah who does not seem to care who he displeases in his espousal of the just and tragic cause of the Palestinians. In contrast to Khomeini, the old regime in Tehran had nurtured extremely close relations with the Israelis at the expense of the Arabs and the holy city of Jerusalem. It was always sad and depressing to see an Islamic state giving hospitality and recognition to another whose troops colonize three Arab states and occupy one of their holiest cities and shrines. This is now no more and Iran's action in severing all kinds of relations with Israel and reinstating the Palestinians, is a historic victory for the Palestinians and the Arabs and a new fillip to the struggle to regain the holy city.

This is an extremely significant development in the Middle East and even if it does not show tangible results in the immediate future, its repercussions are bound to be felt for a long time to come.

WELCOME QUEEN

Britain's Queen Elizabeth II touched down yesterday at Riyadh at the start of a visit that is a formal recognition of the interdependence of the two countries. The skirl of National Guard bagpipes at Riyadh Airport that greeted the British royal party is perhaps the least significant contribution of Great Britain to Saudi Arabia but is as evocative as the crude realities of trade figures and oil imports.

While the visit of a constitutional monarch must always dwell in the realm of the picturesque, British officials accompanying the Queen are expected to cover much ground with their Saudi colleagues on vital questions raised by recent events in Iran and over what Britain can contribute to Saudi development.

Britain needs Saudi Arabia as a market and a source of jobs at home just as closely as the Kingdom needs British expertise in engineering, medicine or even English that makes Saudi Arabia home from home for 13,000 Britons. This atmosphere of mutual benefice has never been soured by post-colonial bitterness; although the British Foreign Office backed King Abdul Aziz' foe in the Hijaz in the 1920s, at least the British government of India did well by the King.

Tawdry disputes over borders have long ago evaported. An atmosphere of mutual trust has built up—helped not hindered by Britain's withdrawal from its protective role on the world stage. Saudi Arabia will continue to appreciate the efforts of Britain to undo the muddles of the colonial era.

For Britain, the lump on the map between London and Bombay has grown into something of infinitely greater significance— the arbiter of stability in the fuel that moves its industrial economy. For British officials in Riyadh and surely for the Queen herself, this fact will never be quite concealed by the pageantry of the races and desert entertainments.

As a lady sovereign visiting Saudi Arabia, Queen Elizabeth has no forerunner. But she is preceded by her kinswoman, Princess Alice, Countess of Athlone, who made a pioneering motor crossing of Saudi Arabia the same week in 1938 that King Abdul Aziz received the momentous news of the tests on Dammam Seven.

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The U.S. Secretary of Defense Harold Brown visited Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Israel and finally Egypt. During his tour of Arab countries he spoke of peace and stability and the need to ward off foreign aggression and foreign-instigated subversion. But during his visit to Israel he reiterated America's commitment to Israeli survival and, according to press reports, promised further military supplies to it. He failed however, or did not want, to make a fine distinction between Israel's survival and the continuation of its occupation of Arab lands and denial of Palestinian rights which was made possible by unlimited American military support. Nor did he care to find out how Israel would cooperate with the U.S. in bringing about a just and lasting settlement in the Middle East when it has so much military power at its disposal, thanks to American largess.

Israeli Prime Minister Menahem Begin was reported to be "extremely satisfied" at the result of his talks with Brown which dealt with Israeli requests for new weapons estimated to be worth several billion dollars. All this seems to tally with Kissinger's approach to the Middle East problem which was summed up in more arms to Israel to "prevent a military solution." All that it succeeded in doing is to prevent a peaceful solution as well

"Maybe we should've tested it at Kitty Hawk."

Independence in St. Lucia

By Jeremy Taylor

CASTRIES, St. Lucia— "From seventy-nine, St. Lucia is mine!" The slogan, composed by a St. Lucian school-girl, was recommeded to the 120,000 people of this tiny eastern Caribbean island by their Premier, John Compton.

It has a certain relish about it, which reflects the long drawn out process of negotiating full independence from Britain; "absolutely intolerable and humiliating," Compton called it last year, as he shuttled with his negotiators between St. Lucia and Whitehall, "like mendicants seeking favors from a master."

But on Feb. 22 full independence finally comes to St. Lucia after more than a century-and-a-half of colonial rule and nearly 12 years of semi-autonomy under British protection.

Independence is being furiously opposed by the minority Labor Party. Not that it is against freedom; but it argues strongly that independence has been agreed by Compton over the heads of opposition groups and the people.

There is the added prospect of independence euphoria boosting Compton's electoral support, which has been declining during his nearly 15 years in power, and giving him a further term following elections which have to be called by May.

Angry protests have been fired off to Whitehall, and early in December opposition supporters attacked the hotel where the British High Commissioner to Barbados was staying, smashing windows and doors. The gentleman was out at the time.

But apart from this — and one or two nervous spasms like banning visiting left-wing speakers and clamping down on public servants with political ambitions — Compton has set in St. Lucia the sort of development course that brings joy to the hearts of international bankers.

His main coup has been to attract the American oil firm Amerada Hess, which is building an oil trans-shipment terminal on the island and a large free port zone, and may add an oil refinery.

This $150 million development is by far the biggest in the Windward and Leeward islands and spells out to Compton's government the magic words "international confidence," even though the contract includes conditions which are slightly humiliating for the island.

St. Lucia also has a small and rapidly expanding manufacturing sector, the largest in the island group where agriculture has been the traditional economic mainstay.. Manufacturing crept up from a quarter of exports in 1974 to half in 1976.

And the island has several other things which its neighbors wish they had: geothermal energy in the south, which is being developed to support industrial expansion away from the capital; the biggest budget in the group; and a massive development program upon which a high authority, in the shape of the World Bank and the IMF, smiles.

Consequently, Compton confidently predicts real growth in the island's Gross Domestic Product of 4 to 5 per cent over the next three years, a forecast which would make much better known premiers, like Michael Manley in Jamaica and Forbes Burnham in Guyana, delirious with relief.

Even in the more traditional economic sectors, St. Lucia's prospects look bright. Hotel occupancy crept up last year by 12 per cent to 71 per cent, pointing the tourist benefits of direct links with Britain and North America. And development aid is being used to expand and revitalize traditional exports like bananas, coconuts and cocoa.

Compton has shown himself to be perhaps the most efficient economic manager in the smaller eastern Caribbean islands, and one who is carefully following the middle road ideologically. He is strongly pro-CARICOM (the Caribbean economic community) and has gained the most benefit from it of all the region's less developed states.

He has established warm relations with the nearest continental power, Venezuela, which is anxiously providing aid; and, while technically non-aligned, he shows not the faintest interest in establishing a radical or leftish Third World position. Clearly, Compton has accepted the thesis that the future of mini-states depends on maintaining warm relations with powerful patrons.

Like the other Associated States of the Caribbean, St. Lucia has been dependent on Britain since 1967 only in the areas of foreign affairs and defense. In neither can individual islands afford to create their own independent facilities which is why the next few months may well see the establishment of common services.

The four islands which expect independence this year— St. Lucia, St. Vincent, Antigua and St. Kitts — have already agreed in principle on a common diplomatic service.

And it seems likely now that some form of mutual defense arrangement will be concluded, largely on the initiative of Barbados, which has a 1,500-strong territorial force and is in the process of establishing a full-time defense force.

One of the main motives will be protection of fishing zones.—(OFNS)

A bleak energy assessment

By J.P. Smith

WASHINGTON — Carter administration officials are now privately conceding that the United States is likely to return to gasoline lines and Sunday gas-station closings if Iran's oil shutdown continues through the rest of the year.

This bleak assessment is offered on the heels of Energy Secretary James Schlesinger's remark that the Iranian oil shutdown was "prospectively more serious" than the 1973 Arab oil embargo. The new assessment stems from State Department and Central Intelligence Agency "best-case" analyses suggesting that Iran would return to its previous production levels by December. Many officials, including Schlesinger, have already ruled that out publicly.

Sen. Henry Jackson, democrat of Washington, has flatly predicted, "We will have to shortly undertake a program of (oil) allocations." Jackson, chairman of the Senate energy committee, went on to say, "it will start out with a prohibition of gasoline sales on Sunday," and that gasoline prices could mount to $1 a gallon within the next year

Energy and State Department officials and major oil-company executives meanwhile are saying that spot market prices for oil have risen so rapidly in recent weeks — nearly $6 a barrel in some instances — that the oil exporters may abandon their official posted prices that would have raised oil prices 14.5 per cent by December, for still higher prices. Qatar and the United Arab Emirates both raised their prices for light crudes over the weekend. Algeria and Nigeria, two of Africa's biggest oil exporters, are also said to be considering boosting their light crude prices.

At the same time the ranks of the major oil companies that have begun to restrict sales of oil and petroleum products —many for different reasons— have widened to include Texaco, Continental Oil Co., Exxon, Royal Dutch Shell, British Petroleum and Standard Oil Co. of California.

Another uncertainty in the increasingly taut world oil market is whether states such as Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Libya, Venezuela and Nigeria will continue the stepped-up production they initiated to make up for 5 million barrels a day in lost Iranian exports.

Despite the talk of $1-a-gallon gasoline and gas-station lines, there is ample evidence that the world may not be sliding towards a crippling oil crisis.

The Iranian shortage, once additional production from other exporters is taken into consideration, is still only 2 to 3 million barrels a day, out of a free world market that produces, sells, and consumes more than 50 million barrels a day.

The shortfall in the United States is currently only about 500,000 barrels a day, compared to nearly 1.6 million barrels a day lost during the 1973 Arab oil embargo. — (WP)

Tightening Africa's budgets

By David Lamb

NAIROBI — After years of carefree spending and often reckless planning, Black Africa is tightening its purse strings and trying to remedy the hangover from its massive spending spree.

From the coffee plantations of Kenya to the oil fields of Gabon, finance ministers and heads of state are sounding the same warning: Hard, lean times have arrived, and the economic folly of adolescent statehood must now yield to the sensible management of financial realities.

Plans and dreams are being scaled back almost everywhere: Construction is being curtailed, priorities re-examined, budgets trimmed. Austerity and modesty — words seldom heard during Africa's early independence years — are the slogans of 1979.

President Omar Bango of Gabon, although his people's $2,600 per capita income is the highest in Black Africa, said: "Gabon has entered into a period of economic slowdown. Rigorous finance, austerity and prudence are the law by which we must live for at least the next three years."

The Nigerian head of state, Lt. Gen. Olusegun Obasanjo, whose country has the highest gross national product in Black Africa, says: "We must all embark on the greatest care and economy in expenditure by all public institutions, and a return to sanity in the interests of national economy. The nation must cut its coat according to its cloth."

And in Kenya, where agricultural development has been one of Black Africa's real success stories, Vice President and Finance Minister Kwai Kibaki adds: "The era of soft options for Kenyans is over. Only tough options remain."

It is significant to note that Gabon, Nigeria and Kenya rank high on the list of Black Africa's most prosperous countries. But in each, the oil or coffee booms of the mid-1970s created a false sense of financial security that engendered wild spending on flashy and often unnecessary projects and a reluctance to plan for future retrenchments.

Gabon reached peak oil production in 1974, just as oil prices tripled. Nigeria's oil revenues shot from less than $400 million in the early 1960s to more than $9 billion a dozen years later.

Kenya was receiving $1,600 a ton for its coffee in 1976 The next year it was getting nearly $4,000 a ton.

The coffee boom enabled President Idi Amin of Uganda to balance his books for the first time since coming to power in 1971 — and left excess millions to buy guns for troops and television sets for his top officers. So valuable was the black gold that Amin chartered jets that hauled coffee four times a day from Uganda to Djibouti for export by ship.

But suddenly the world demand for oil slackened, and coffee prices, which had escalated after a frost in Brazil, fell back to more normal levels (Kenya now receives about $2,000 a ton.) With economies that are neither industrialized nor diversified, Black Africa was hard-pressed to counter the loss of revenue.

Similar fates had befallen Zambia and Zaire earlier this decade. Both had lived lavishly until world copper prices tumbled. Today, with their mines producing at reduced rates, Zaire owes its creditors $3.5 billion; Zambia owes nearly $1 billion.

In Nigeria, the government will have to borrow $4.5 billion this year to finance its ongoing development projects. It has sold 2,000 luxury limousines, cut back expenditures 10 per cent and banned a lengthy list of imported items ranging from spaghetti to shoes.

Gabon launched an austerity program known as Plan Bongo. Admitting that it, like Nigeria, tried to do too much too fast with too little planning, President Bongo's government has cut back on its $30 billion, five-year development plan and is putting its first serious efforts into developing the agricultural sector. The construction equipment that a year ago towered above the freeways and high-rises of Libreville, the capital, now stands idle.

Kenya, too, has seen the bloom of prosperity fade. Foreign exchange reserves are down to two months of imports, defense spending has increased from 5 per cent to 14 per cent of the budget since 1975, and the International Monetary Fund reportedly has called on Kenya to devalue its shilling as it did in October 1975.

In moves that startled most Kenyans because of their suddenness and severity, the government has launched an immensely popular campaign against corrupt public officials, instituted tough import restrictions that will hurt the privileged elite but have little effect on the impoverished masses, ordered all companies to hire 10 per cent more employees and established a 10 per cent surtax for any resident who buys airplane tickets in local currency.

Inflation is running about 2[illegible] per cent a year in Kenya — a modest level by African standards. The government hopes to halt the spiral and reduce its reliance on foreign loans by convincing Kenyans to invest their money in savings institutions — a distinctly non-African tradition. Late last year the government introduced national savings bonds, selling for as little as $1.30 each.

"It's a healthy thing that governments like Kenya's are honestly taking stock of the situation," said a Western economist here. "What you're seeing, I think, is Africa entering a new period of maturity in economic management."

Despite the tougher times ahead, most African countries would be pleased to find themselves in the position of Kenya, Nigeria or Gabon. They still retain positions of economic leadership on the continent, and the very fact that they have moved with candor and purpose to curtail lavish spending may help explain why their futures remain brighter than those of most of their neighbors. — (LAT)

saudi press review

After the departure of Britain from the Gulf region as the controlling foreign power, relations between the states and Britain have been growing rapidly in the right direction. Since there are no longer any problems to cloud Anglo-Arab relations, there have been ample opportunities for the development of bilateral relations, according to "Al-Medina" editorial.

But the Arab world cannot but assess bilateral relations by the other party's attitude regarding the Palestinian issue and the occupied Arab lands. The Kingdom and other countries pin their hopes on British understanding and sympathy as it was the most closely bound country with the problem since its inception. Although British policy so far has been satisfactory, we expect it to do even more with its European partners in the service of a just and lasting peace in the region.

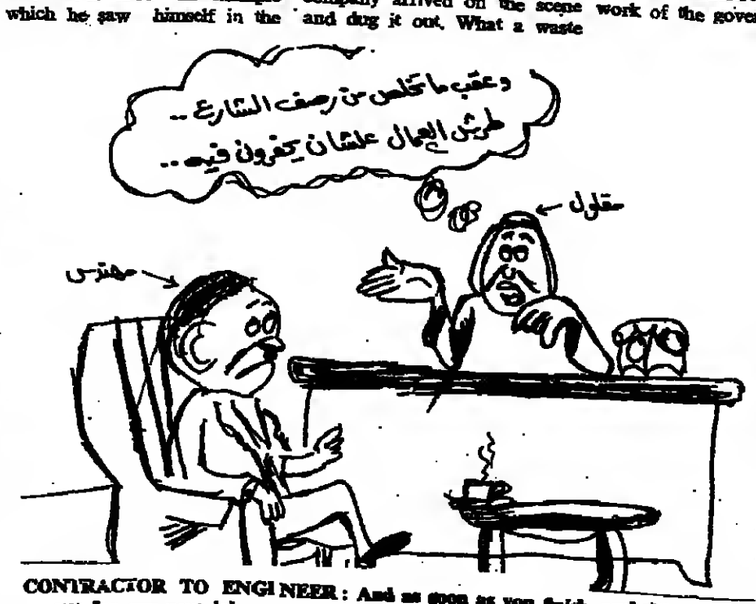
Although Britain has lost its paramount position in the Gulf region when it quit its international role, there is still a lot that it can do in cooperation with the states of the area that once was its protectorate, according to "Al-Riyadh." This role is economic, the paper added, and Britain can offer substantial assistance to the states concerned through its trade and technology.

"We are pleased to welcome Her Majesty the Queen and British cooperation in our development for our mutual benefit."

Commenting on Israel's request for more arms from the United States and U.S. reassurances to it through U.S. Secretary of Defense Harold Brown who reaffirmed his country's commitment to Israel's security, "Okaz" wondered who is really the aggressor in the Middle East problem. Why does Israel want all this American arsenal. Harold Brown's statement, the paper said, suggests that the Arabs are occupying Israeli territory.

Israel which is occupying the land of three Arab states is trying hard to persuade the American government that it should replace Iran as the policeman of imperialist interests in the region. The truth is that Israel is taking advantage of the current situation in order to obtain all the arms it needs to pursue its policy of expansionism.

"Al-Bilad" columnist said he could swear that there is a kind of pact between the companies operating in Jeddah to continue asphalting and digging out the streets of the city indefinitely. The writer cited an example which he saw himself in the street just behind the headquarters of Saudia. Two days after asphalting the street, another company arrived on the scene and dug it out. What a waste of good money, the paper said, charging the companies concerned with destroying the good work of the government.



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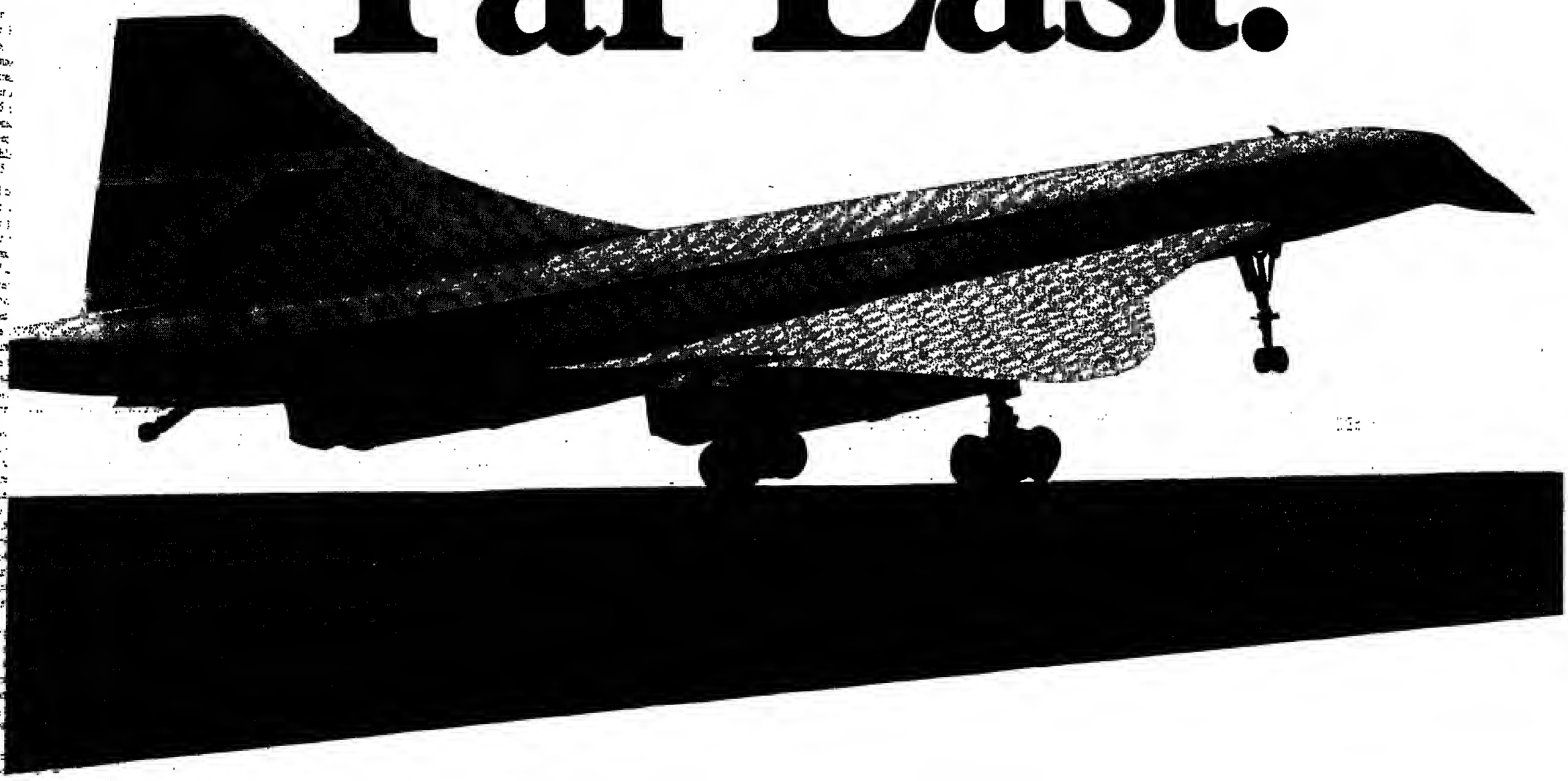

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Islamic coins and an empire in history

By a Staff Reporter

DHAHRAN— What is an Islamic coin? Dr. 'Ali Kettani, numismatist and self-instructed expert on the subject, defines an Islamic coin as one on which Arabic script is used. There are some exceptions, however, as he is quick to point out: The earliest coins struck after the Arab conquest of Persia and North Africa employed other languages (Pahlavi in Persia and Latin in North Africa). An example of this latter phenomenon is provided by a coin struck in Tunis around 710 A.D. The first Arab governor of North Africa, Musa Ibn Nusayr, is identified on it in Latin with a declaration, again in Latin, of Islamic faith.

Centuries later, however, Arabic coins served as models for European coinage, as in the case of Spanish and Sicilian productions, and, more flagrantly, in coins struck by Crusader states in the Levant as weapons of economic warfare.

Islamic coins were struck, not surprisingly, wherever Islam took root and that covers most of the Old World. In Europe, Islamic influence was dominant, at one time or another, in the Iberian peninsula, southern Italy and Sicily, Crete, and the Balkans. In Asia, Muslims spread the faith as far as the Caucasus and Siberia in the north, Burma and Indonesia in the east.

Dr. Kettani, Professor of Electrical Engineering at Dhahran's University of Petroleum and Minerals, is interested in all aspects of Islamic culture. From his point of view, numismatology provides a fascinating study which reflects developments inside Islamic society down through the centuries; for it is only in their historical context that coins can be properly appreciated.

The inscription and artistry on coins invariably offer some clue to the society which produces them. This is certainly the case with Islamic coins, which reflect with great fidelity the political circumstances, priorities, economic policy, and cultural evolution of the various states and dynasties that struck them.

At the time of the Prophet's death, only Persian and Byzantine coins were used in the Near East. Arabia consisted of city states which did not mint coins. The era from 41 A.H. to 132 A.H. (661-750 A.D.) witnessed the first major developments in Islamic coins.

One of the new ruler's concerns was to Islamicise existing services. Mints dormant under the Byzantine Empire were revived under the Muslims. But the first issues of coins followed, in the case of gold and copper coins, Byzantine models, and in the case of silver, Pahlavi types. The "drachma," a silver coin of the ancient Greeks, became the Arabic "dirham". Gold coins were called "dinars," a word which has its etymological roots in the Latin "dinarius," just as the word "fils," used for copper coinage, evolved from the word "follis." Change came slowly, but this was dictated in part by policy: The Omeyyad caliphs ruled over subjects whose culture was Byzantine or Persian. A conscious effort was made not to alienate them. Under Muawiya, coins were struck in Homs with the image of the Byzantine Emperor intact, but with the declaration "There is no God but God" inscribed on them.

Reform was undertaken by the Caliph Abdul Malik ibn Marwan. During his reign, a silver coin was struck in which the image of three Zoroastrian fire altars was replaced by an article of Islamic faith. Around the rim on one side of the coin was written, in Arabic:

"Muhammad is the messenger of God, who sent him with guidance and the religion of truth so it will overcome the whole world even though the unbelievers may dislike it."

On the obverse side of the coin, again around the rim, runs the expression, "In the name of God, this dirham has been struck in Wasit in the year 85 A.H." There is no mention of king or governor.

GUNS IN A TENT: The British Museum of Artillery in the Rotunda at Woolwich is one of the least known but most elegantly housed of all London's many museums. Yet this little known collection showing the development of artillery from earliest times to the present was begun 200 years ago, making it only 20 years junior in age to the British Museum.—(British Tourist Authority)

Wasit, a town which lay 200 kilometers northeast of modern Basra in Iraq, was the principal Omeyyad silver mint. It was destroyed during the Mongol invasion of the area during the 13th century. Omeyyad mints numbered in the dozens and extended from such locations as Carthage in North Africa and Persepolis in Persia.

The face of the caliph, Abdul Malik ibn Marwan, appears in place of the Byzantine emperor on some copper coins with his name on the rim, but this sort of coin quickly disappeared. Artistic elements — such as a palm branch motif found on some coins from a mint in Tangier — made their first appearance about this time.

Gold coins struck during the Omeyyad dynasty resemble Byzantine originals but, from the time of Abdul Malik ibn Marwan, Koranic inscriptions occupy the center of such coins.

Opposition to the Omeyyad dynasty resulted in the establishment of a new dynasty, the Abbassid, which spans the years 132 to 656 A.H. (794-1258 A.D.). This period of Arab ascendency epitomizes for many Westerners the essence of Oriental splendor. With their capital at Baghdad, the Abbassid caliphs patronized the sciences and presided over what might be considered the fist "Renaissance" of ancient learning. This half-millenium is subdivided into three periods: The first, from 132 to 334 A.H. (749-946 A.D.) when the Abbassid caliphs exercised temporal power; the second, from 946 to 1170 A.D. when they did not — not even in Baghdad; and the third, from 1170 A.D. to the sack of Baghdad by the Mongols in 1258. No Abbassid coins were struck during the second period of Abbassid history, when the caliph wielded no real power. What come from the first and the third periods are significantly different.

The first Abbassid coin in gold has in its center the declaration, "Muhammad is the messenger of God." Mint indications are given by such symbols in the Arabi "mim" which signifies Medina as-Salam: Baghdad was known as the City of Peace. Coins with the name of a contemporary minister of finance, such as Ja'far, 180-185 A.H., appear. And for the first time on a gold coin, the name of a caliph — in this instance, Al-Mutawakkil — is given on a piece struck in Misr (Cairo) in 241 A.H.

The era of Abbassid hegemony in the eastern Mediterranean coincided with the rise of secessionist states to the West. Allid refugees set up the Idrissid dynasty in Morocco. Abdul Rahman, the grandson of the last Omeyyad caliph of Damascus, fled to Spain, where he established an independent Muslim kingdom of great renown. Nominal allegiance was offered the caliph in Baghdad by all secessionist states, but in most respects, these entities were sovereign states.

Both Spain and Morocco minted their own coins, which were mostly silver. They frequently contain a good deal of information, but their workmanship is inferior to that of the original Omeyyad models. They were, however, more artistically decorated. Mint indications are generic: "Andalusia" on a coin meant that it was struck at Cordova. One coin, issued in 331 A.H., names Abdul Rahman el Nasser for the first time with the title, "Emir Mumineen," that is to say, "Leader of the Faithful", the Spanish secession was complete, commemorated by the stricking of a coin.

The rise of a Fatimid state in North Africa (909-1161 A.D.) presented a more serious challenge inside the Muslim world. Other secessionist states were religiously orthodox; the Fatimids were not. With their belief that the seventh Imam was hidden and would return, and their absolutist attitudes toward political leadership, the new power in North Africa divereged significantly from the main-stream of Islam. This was reflected in their coinage, which differed from what Arab mints had thus far produced. In 313 A.H., a gold coin was struck with the declaration "Ali is the supporter of the cause of Allah" at the center. Although this was a sentiment with which all Muslims would agree, its use was politically inspired. The Fatimid dynasty was overthrown by Salahedeen, known in the West for his successful campaigns against the Crusader states in the Levant, who re-established religious orthodoxy in the Arab world.

Competition between the Crusader domains and neighboring Muslim states assumed an economic guise when both sides minted coins which bore a resemblance to the enemy's, partly in the hope of luring valuable metal like silver for more common copper. Some Islamic coins struck at this time are similar to the ancient Greek. A Seljuk coin, minted in 595 A.H. under Rukn-Deen Suleiman, bears the image of a man on horseback with a halo surrounding his head.

The field of Islamic numismatics is vast and this brief survey of Omeyyad and Abbassid coins does not touch upon the developments in coinage during such periods as the Ottoman Empire, or in areas geographically remote. India, for example, was ruled for one thousand years by Muslims who issued their own distinctive coins. For the Western numismatist in search of new discoveries, the study of these coins, whose history spans 14 centuries, is enormously rewarding.

A handsome book on Islamic coins has recently appeared to entice collectors away from an exclusive concern with European medals: "The World of Islam" by Michael Mitchiner, published by Hawkins of London, offers splendid photographs of coins selected from all periods of Islamic history. Both the serious collector and the casual browser would be well advised to glance through it

Arab cavalry in Roman Europe

By Bob Lebling
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — A classics scholar in Chicago says he has discovered proof that an Arab cavalry unit was stationed in Roman-occupied Europe in the 3rd century A.D. — the first known Arab military force to serve with the Roman Army outside the Middle East.

A new translation of an ancient inscription indicates that an armored cavalry unit composed of skilled Nabataean horsemen was based in Gaul, in what is now the French town of Vitrolles, near Aix-en-Provence, in about 250 A.D., according to A.N. Oikonomides, executive editor of the scholarly journal "Ancient World."

The inscription, found on a stone in the bell-tower of a church in Vitrolles 11 years ago, was written in Greek letters but until now has been considered an example of a little known ancient Gallic language.

Oikonomides says the brief text, part of which has been effaced by weathering or other causes, is indeed in the Greek language.

"It is actually a very important historical text connected with the auxiliary forces of the Roman Imperial army in Gallia Narbonnensis, which originated from the Greek-speaking Eastern provinces of the Empire," Oikonomides says in an article in the latest issue of "Ancient World."

His translation of the inscription reads: "Tubal of Adra, commander 'general' of the Somaetheni, and Arrhus of Atta, armored cavalryman of the Somaetheni."

[- -] Τυβάλος Ἀδρε[ηνὸς ἔπαρ]-
2[χο]ς πραίτωρ Σομα[ι ὑ η νῶν]
[καὶ] Ἄρρος Ἀττούνιο[ς ἱππεύς]
4[κατάφρ]ακτος Σομα[ι ὑ η νῶν].

- -Tubal of Adra commander
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The Greek inscription of Vitrolles

The name "Tubal" is "perfectly fitting for a cavalry officer from the city of Adra in Arabia Petraea who carried also the title of 'general' or 'chief' of the Arab tribe of the Somaetheni," Oikonomides says.

The cities of Adra and Atta, as well as the tribal name Somaetheni, are mentioned by the ancient geographer Ptolemy in his account of Nabataean Arabia.

According to Oikonomides, "the superb qualities of the cavalrymen of the Arab tribes were well known to the Romans, but their availability to the Imperial army was rather rare."

Only two Arab cavalry units were previously known to have served with the Roman forces, one in Egypt and the other in Arabia itself.

While Arab horsemen were universally regarded as the best light cavalry in the Middle East during the Roman period, the Vitrolles inscription is the first evidence of the existence of heavy or armored Arab cavalry units.

Oikonomides believes the inscribed stone (31 cm high, 42 cm wide, and 30 cm thick), was probably part of "an altar or dedication base."

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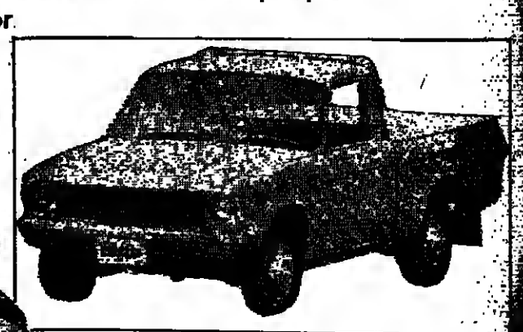

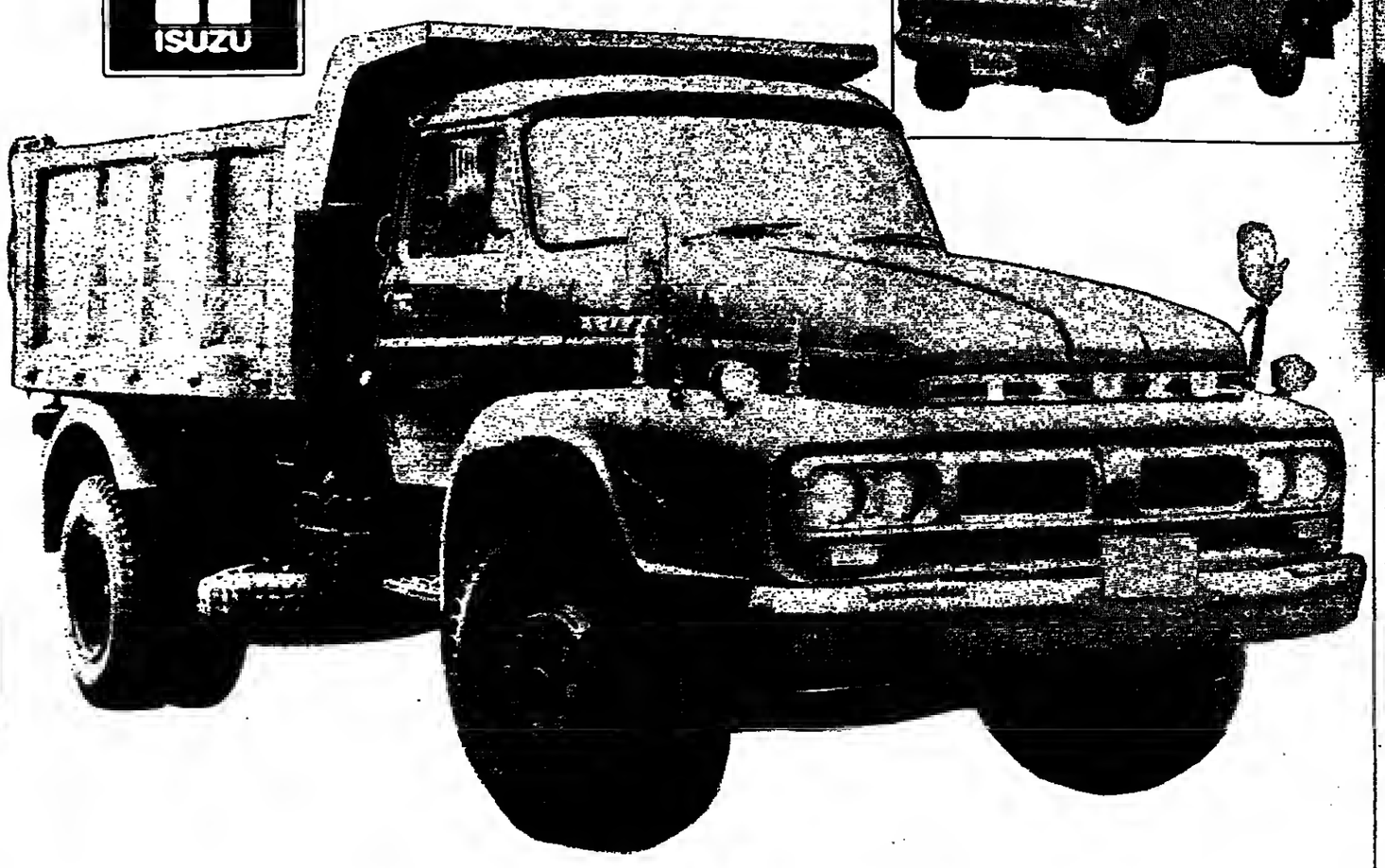

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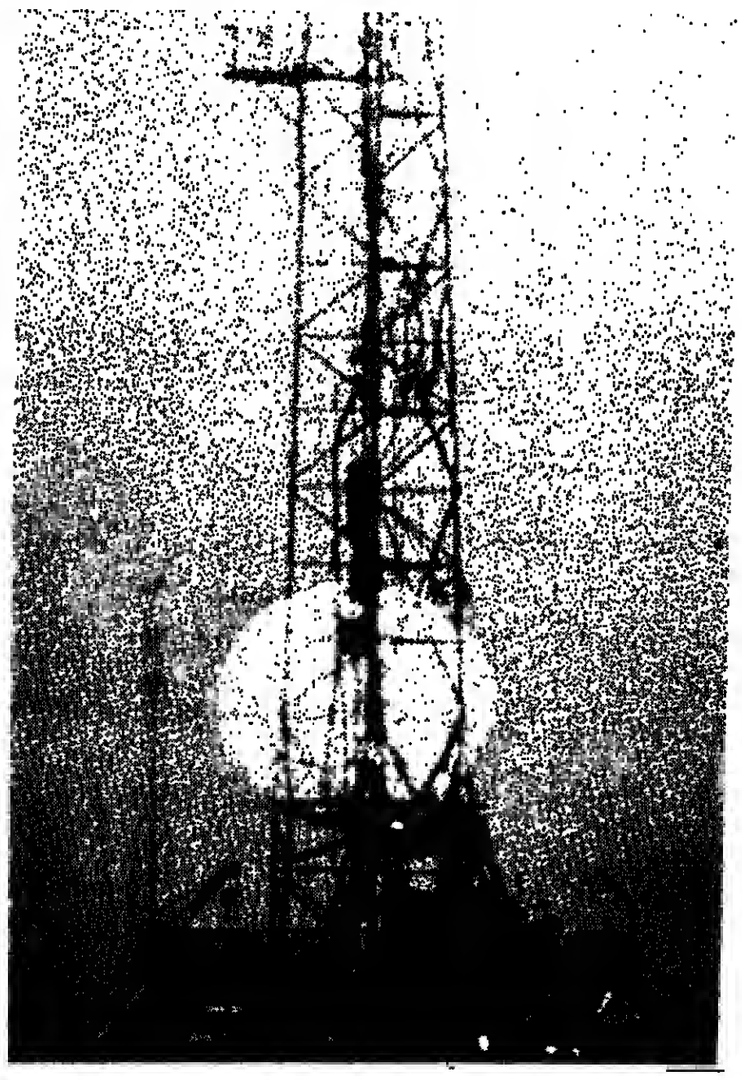

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Coghlan shatters indoor mile mark

SAN DIEGO, California, Feb. 17 (AP) — Ireland's Eamonn Coghlan, patiently staying back to the field until 2½ laps to the finish line, shot to the front and shattered the world indoor mile record by more than two seconds with a 3:52.6 Friday night at the San Diego Invitational Track Meet.

The mark is considered a world standard although the International Amateur Athletic Foundation does not recognize indoor records.

Coghlan, virtually unbeatable no the boards, was some eight yards ahead of Steve Scott at the tape, as the first three finishers all bettered the former world record of 3:54.9 set by Dick Buerkle in 1978.

Scott, running for the Irvine Track Club, was clocked in 3:54.1, and Steve Lacy of the University of Wisconsin finished in 3:54.7.

The 27-year-old Coghlan had come close to the mark two weeks ago in the Millrose Games, running a 3:55.0.

In the 60-yard dash run earlier, Houston McTear edged former U.S. Olympian Eddie Hart with a meet record time of 6.16 seconds.

Hart was timed in 6.17.

Clancy Edwards finished a disappointing fifth with a 6.33, behind Kevin Williams at 6.32.

Slightly

McTear and Hart moved slightly ahead 20 yards from the finish after the field broke almost even. Then in the drive for the tape, McTear moved a step ahead.

Greg Foster, the world record holder in the 110-meter hurdles, won the 60-yard high hurdles with a 7.11 clocking, while Dedy Cooper was second in 7.16. Chester Hart finished third at 7.41.

Debby Laplante of San Diego State, the world indoor record holder in the 60-yard high hurdles, won that event in 7.57, the fourth fastest time ever recorded and just fourtenths of a second off her world standard.

Amie Robinson, the gold medalist in the Montreal Games, won the long jump with a leap of 25-3. Rand Williams, who won the gold in the Munich Games, turned an ankle on his second jump and had to withdraw.

ALMOST THERE: Eamonn Coghlan raises his arms as he is about to cross the finish line at the Feb. 9 Millrose Games in New York where he posted a time just one-tenth of a second off the world record he easily broke at San Diego Friday.

Evert rallies to overcome determined Ruzici at L.A.

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 17 (AP) — Chris Evert turned back a determined challenge from Virginia Ruzici to win her quarterfinal match 6-4, 6-4, Friday night in the $150,000 Los Angeles Championship women's tennis tournament.

The second-seeded Evert, down 0-3 in the second set, rallied to win five consecutive games to take a 5-3 edge before going on to wrap it up.

In the eighth and tenth games of that set, Evert overcame love-40 deficits to win her serve.

The 5,260 fans at the forum were on their feet frequently during the thriller, applauding Ruzici's savage forehand winners or Everts's gutsy comebacks.

"She pretty much dictated the way I played," Evert lamented. "I always seem to be on the defensive with her."

Evert was to meet fourth-seeded Greer Stevens Saturday night in the semifinals, and top-seeded Martina Navratilova meets No. 3 seed Tracy Austin.

English soccer

LONDON, Feb. 17 (R) — Result of Friday night's English League match:

Division Three

Tranmere 1 Oxford 0

Swansea vs Chesterfield postponed.

Division Four

Darlington vs Hartlepool and Stockport Co. vs Doncaster both postponed.

At giant-killing Mission Hills

Tanner serve does for Connors

RANCHO MIRAGE, California, Feb. 17 (AP) — Giant-killing in the $250,000 Tennis Games at Mission Hills Country Club caught up with top-seeded Jimmy Connors Friday and he fell to Roscoe Tanner, 4-6, 6-3, 7-6.

In a battle of lefthanders Tanner served 11 aces but said, "I was primarily trying for placements and to keep the serves in close to Jimmy."

Tanner, the defending champion but only eighth-seeded, finall won the match on a tiebreaker that wound up 10-8 when a service sent Connors wide and he returned into the net.

Earlier in the tournament, both second-seeded Bjorn Borg and third-seeded John McEnroe had been upset.

In Friday's other quarterfinals, Eddie Teltscher of California downed Colin Dibley, Australia, 3-6, 6-4, 6-1, Harold Solomon of Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, defeated Wojtek Fibak, of Poland, 6-3, 6-4, and Brian Gottfried, of Ft. Lauderdale, downed Tom Okker of the Netherlands 6-2, 6-0.

The semifinal pairings for Saturday had the unseeded Teltscher playing Tanner while Solomon, No. 4, was to play Gottfried, No. 5.

Tanner said of his game, "I changed service and instead of serving to the forehand, I served right into him. Connors particularly likes to reach out on return of service."

Tanner, with one of the hardest serves in the game, used these tactics to advantage after losing the first set. He finally broke Connors' service in the eighth game of the second set.

Pakistan sets daunting Test total

NAPIER, New Zealand, Feb. 17 (R)—New Zealand faces the daunting task of overhauling Pakistan's first innings score of 360 when play resumes in the second Test here Sunday.

At the close of the second day's play Saturday — shortened by an hour and a half because of rain and bad light—New Zealand was 25 for one wicket.

It lost the valuable wicket of Bruce Edgar for three just before the close. He scored a maiden Test century in the first Test, which Pakistan won.

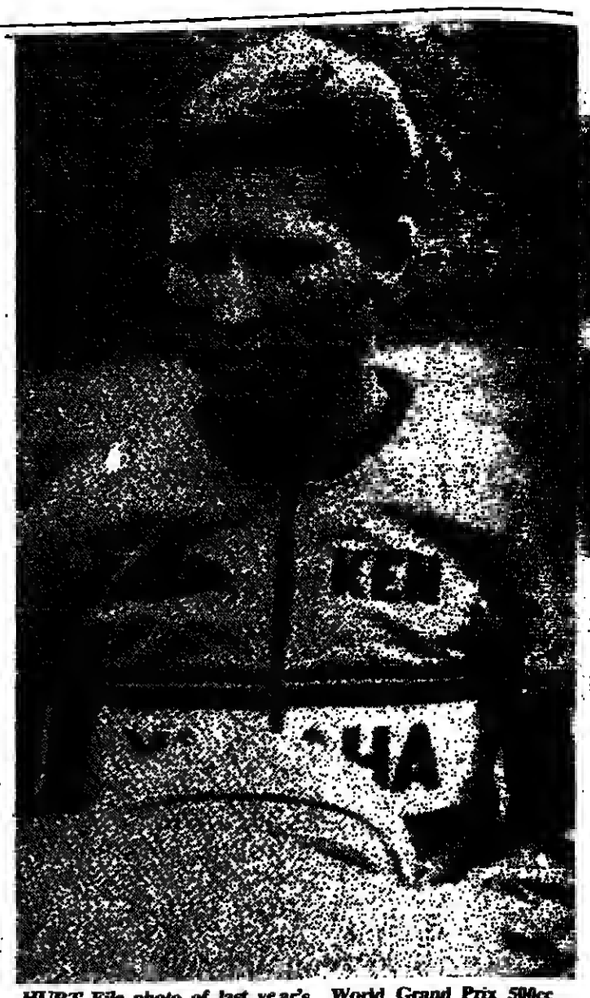
Pakistan resuming at 207 for five Saturday lost two early wickets.

But a sound innings of 74 by Wasim Raja and some big hitting by the tailenders pulled the innings round.

Scores: Pakistan 360, New Zealand 25 for one.

Kenya club banned

NAIROBI, Feb. 17 (R) — The Kenya Football Federation has imposed a one-year suspension on First-Division League champion, Breweries, thereby withdrawing the team from the Africa Cup of champion clubs. The move is a disciplinary measure for Breweries' last-minute refusal to participate in a recent tournament when the KFF turned down their demand for cash allowances, officials said.



HURT File photo of last year's World Grand Prix 500cc motorcycle racing champion Kenny Roberts of California. Roberts was badly injured while testing a new Japanese racing bike at a track near Hamamatsu, central Japan this week. A doctor said Friday that the injury would require at least two months of treatment.

In Khobar doubles

Top pairs fall in 3rd-set tiebreakers

By Geoff Gardner

DHAHRAN, Feb. 17 — Third-set tiebreakers determined the first flight winners in both the men's and women's doubles finals of the 1979 Khobar Tennis Tournament Friday.

Gordon Procter and Paul Kreiger took the third set tiebreaker 7-4 to edge top-seeded Phil Dunn and David Bosch, 2-6, 7-5, 7-6.

"Procter and Kreiger came back from being down 2-5 in set points mainly on effective lobbing by Procter," tournament director and umpire Fred Benson said.

The ladies' doubles was just as close as the winning team of Wendy Jones and Diane Jackson won the first set 7-5 after being behind 0-5. They went on to take the match by winning a 10-8 tiebreaker in the third set. The victims of the 7-5, 3-6, 7-6 loss were top-seeded Pat Aubrey and June Brandie.

In other men's doubles results:

Digaub and Mery edged Bonnell and Hollis, 6-2, 4-6, 6-0 in the second flight.

Stevens and Brixey beat Atif and Bahabri, 6-2, 6-4, in the third flight.

Lievers and Joubert got by Daniel and Himut 6-3, 6-3 in the fourth flight.

Roos and Bellinger topped Regan and Pearson, 6-1, 6-3.

Pedeschi and Milne bested Carspen and Peterson 6-3, 6-4 in the sixth flight.

Chelladduray and Gibbs beat Duarsma and Johansan, 6-1, 6-4.

Women

In the other two women's flights, Deelken and Gray topped Lehr and Lemon 7-5, 6-0 in flight two.

In the third flight Crack and Flight got by Pahir and Butun 6-4, 6-2.

Winners and runners-up received trophies by Lufthansa (men's first flight), the Saudi French Bank, (men's second through seventh flights) Port Store (women's first flight) and Consolidated Contractors International Company (women's second and third flights).

1979 Khobar continues on Feb. 22-23 with men's and women's singles. Matches will be played at the University of Petroleum and Minerals courts. Singles competition will continue on March 1 and 2 with first flight women's singles finals at 2:15 on March 2. First flight men's singles finals will follow at 3:30 p.m.

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Group Accounts

Extract from Audited Consolidated Statement of Accounts 31st December 1978

	1978 £000	1977 £000
Authorised Capital	25,000	25,000
Issued Capital	20,250	20,250
Reserves and Retained Profits	13, 176	10,563
Total Shareholders Funds	33,426	30,813
Subordinated Loan Notes	29,955	15,750
Current and Deposit Accounts	889,034	753,232
Cash at Bankers, Money at Call and Short Notice	211,883	160,875
Deposits with Banks	179,814	137,922
Loans and Advances :–		
(a) under one year	184,350	209,654
(b) over one year	342,284	270,934
Acceptances	42,679	31,112
Total Assets	1,026,330	851,889
Profit before Taxation	8,256	7,251
Profit after Taxation	4,233	3,739
Proposed Dividend	1,620	1,215

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As Player storms in Melbourne

Lietzke enjoys 4-stroke lead in Tucson

Bruce Lietzke

TUCSON, Arizona, Feb. 17 (AP) — Bruce Lietzke cut out a four-under-par 66 and expanded his lead to three strokes Friday in the second round of the $250,000 Joe Garagiola-Tucson Open golf tournament.

"A pretty solid round," the tour's most successful cross-handed putter said after posting his 129 total, 11 strokes under par after two trips over the Randolph Municipal Course.

"I gave away a couple of strokes but I may have gotten lucky on a couple of putts, so it averages out to a pretty solid 66," said Lietzke, who opened with a spectacular 63 Thursday.

Rookie Mike Brannan, who got into the tournament as the second alternate from the Monday qualifying round, was the closest at 132 after a 68, two shots under par on the flat, 6,708-yard municipal layout that has yielded some extremely low scores.

In Melbourne, Saturday Guy Wolstenholme shot a 20-foot putt for a birdie on the last green to grab a one-stroke lead over South Africa's Gary Player in the 60,000 Australian dollar Victorian Open.

Wolstenholme, the defending champion, posted a one-under par 71 for a total of 217, after 54 holes.

Player stormed with birdies at the last two holes to share second spot at 218 with five others.

On the 17th, he holed a monster putt from 50 feet, which hit the back of the hole so hard it jumped six inches into the air before falling safely into the bottom of the cup.

And in Miami, Amy Alcott shot her second straight 70 to take a two-stroke lead at 140 over Sandra Post in a Ladies Professional Golf Association's $100,000 tournament.

DEFENDS TITLE: U.S. skier Phil Mahre winning the men's giant slalom of the U.S. Alpine Championships at Copper Mountain, Colo., Wednesday.

Brand new coach watches Bulls beat Knicks, 107-104

NEW YORK, Feb. 17 (AP) — Chicago guard John Mengelt wasn't surprised his team's coach, Larry Costello, got fired Friday.

"We all knew something would happen, and it sure did," said Mengelt. "Someone has to be blamed. Somebody has to pay for it. That's the way in the sports world and that's the way in life."

Costello's 21-36 record was the third worst in the National Basketball Association.

Mengelt's big surprise came Friday night — with six seconds remaining in the Bulls' game against the New York Knicks. Chicago's five-point lead had been trimmed to one and New York had the ball when Knicks guard Ray Williams tried a court-length drive, only to call. "I didn't see Williams' touch anybody. The referee held up his fingers indicating 24 had committed a foul and the only 24 is in the Bulls (Reggie Theus)."

But the call went the other way, and after Wilbur Holland sank a pair of free throws and two seconds later, the Bulls — in their first game under interim coach Scotty Robertson, formerly Costello's assistant — had a 107-104 victory over the Knicks.

In other National Basketball Association games, the Golden State warriors beat the Washington Bullets 109-103, the Seattle Supersonics defeated the Phoenix Suns, 119-104, the Milwaukee Bucks edged the Los Angeles Lakers, 99-98, The Kansas City Kings topped the Philadelphia 76ers, 119-104, the San Antonio Spurs clipped the Portland trail blazers, 121-120 in overtime the Detroit Pistons downed the Houston Rockets 110-96, the Indiana Pacers beat the New Jersey Nets, 109-100 and the San Diego Clippers defeated the Denver Nuggets, 118-104.

Dutch-Italian duo wins bike event

MILAN, Italy, Feb. 17 (AP) — The Dutch-Italian pair of Rene Pijnen and Francesco Moser won the Milan six-day cycling marathon here Friday night.

The 32-year-old Dutch ace and his 27-year-old Italian teammate finished ahead of the German duo of Wilfred Peffgen and Albert Fritz.

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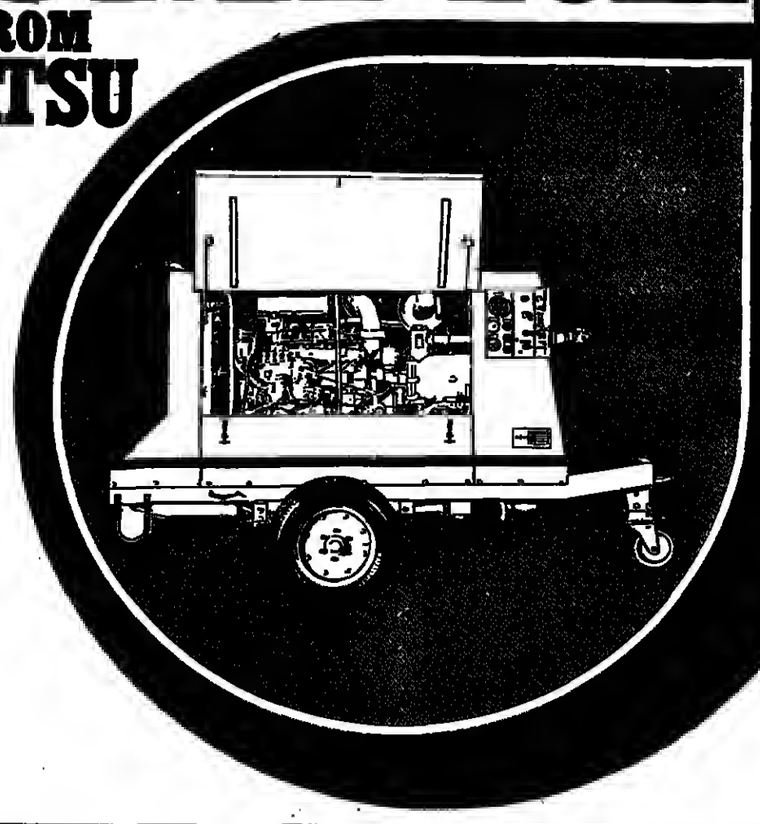

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U.S. court prevents Iran from cashing in on $30m

NEW YORK. Feb. 17 (AP) — A subsidiary of American Telephone and Telegraph has obtained a court order keeping the new Iranian government frum collecting on a $30.2 million letter of credit in a New York bank.

The suit by American Bell said the money was based on a contract it had with the "Imperial Government uf Iran." The company said that termination of the contract at this time would result in a loss to the firm of at least $55 million.

The company asked for a permanent injunction preventing the Manufacturer's Trust from returning any of the money to the new government.

Filed in State Supreme Court at Manhattan, the suit also alleged that the former governmeot of the Shah had breached the contract by failing to make required payments io the turbulent December and January.

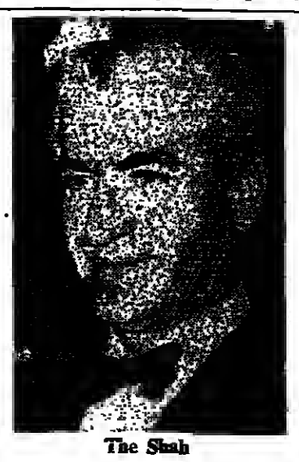
Justice Bernard Nadel signed a temporary restraining order late Friday and ordered a hearing next Tuesday on the request for a permanent injunction.

Under a $90 million contract, American Bell was providing consultants and equipment to the government of Iran for work on a telecommunications facility.

The contract said that 20 per cent of monthly payments tu American Bell for work done would be made by drawing on a $38.8 million down payment deposited in a bank here. The $30.2 million was what was left of the down payment.

American Bell obtained a letter of credit drawn on Manufacturers Hanover guaranteeing the amount of the down payment which had not been spent. The letter of credit was payable tu the Bank Iranshahr on the demand nf the Imperial government.

Court papers said that the contract "will be governed by Iranian law and all disputes will be resolved in Iranian courts."



The Shah

Iran, energy and inflation worry traders

Wall Street turns anxiously back to gold

NEW YORK, Feb. 17 (AP) — Political upheaval in Iran, the threat of oew energy problems and stubborn inflatioo have helped thrust gold back into the investment spotlight io early 1979.

The price of the metal has climbed from just under $200 tu record levels above $250 an ounce in the last two and a half months.

At Friday afternoon's "fixing" in London — the twice-a-day meeting of representatives of five leading gold houses — it stood at $247.05.

Traders in Wall Street's securities markets keep a close watch on the gold price as an indicator of sentiment. Thus, pronounced moves by gold cao exert a strong influence on stock and bond prices.

A recent case: Monday, Feb. 5, when a surge of nearly $15 in the gold price helped drive the Dow Jones average of 30 industrials down more than 10 points.

In the past week, with the gold market having settled down a bit, the market recouped a small part of its recent losses.

The Dow Jones industrials, coming off a 37.42-point decline in the two preceding weeks, rose 4.68 to 827.01.

The New York Stock Exchange composite index gained .50 to 55.37, and the American Stock Exchange market value index was up 3.47 am 163.15.

Volume on the big board slowed to a daily average of 23.99 million shares a day from 25.24 million the week before.

Lopez Portillo suggests U.N. oil conference

MEXICO CITY Feb. 17 (AP) — President Jose Lopez Portillo has called for a United Nations conference on oil to avoid "violent solutions because of the energy problem." He also said Mexico would hesitate to make long-term oil deals until there is consensus on using the world's supply.

He spoke at an airport news conference minutes after President Jimmy Carter ended a three-day state visit. Lopez Portillo said no agreement had been reached on American purchases from Mexico's vast reserves, but their discusioo "reopened the talks to establish principles" for future pacts.

Recent discoveries indicate Mexico has oil reserves that rival and may even exceed Saudi Arabia's, placed at 150 billion barrels.

Arusha delegates gird for fight over world economic reforms

ARUSHA, Tanzania, Feb. 17 (AP) — Delegates from more than 80 poor countries declared themselves ready Saturday for a *showdown with industrialized* nations over demands for world economic reforms, after Latin American and African states agreed to proposals intended to stabilize commodity prices.

Delegates winding up a five-day ministerial meeting of the "Group of 77," which includes 117 underdeveloped countries, said they were satisfied that the Third World would be united at negotiations in Geneva next month.

Saudi Arabia is represented by Deputy Minister of Commerce Yusuf Al-Hamdan who leads a group of delegates from the ministries of Finance, Planoing, and Foreign Affairs.

Tanzania's President Nyerere was a driving force behind the orgnoizatron of the conference.

The Geneva meetings lead up to the United Nations Conference *on Trade and Development* — UNCTAD — in Manila in May.

A late compromise ewung support behind an African proposal for mandatory and direct contributions of at least $1 million by each participating government to a fund for stockpiling raw materials and evening out variations in their prices.

Delegates said Argentina, Brazil and Colombia had opposed the plan until the last minute.

The "common fund" proposal, envisaging the participation of both rich and poor nations, will be presented at UNCTAD, the periodic forum where the Third World has for a generation tried to wrest better terms of trade from the West.

Industrial nations have succeeded in blocking acceptance of a common fund at previous UNCTAD sessions.

Although it now includes 117 countries, the Group of 77 got its name from the original oumber of subscriber oations that formed the lobbying group.

Julius Nyerere

Tanzania's Amir Jamal, chairman of the Arusha Conference, said the Group of 77 would be prepared for possible renewed attempts by Western nations to defer a decision at Manila.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

Opening Saturday	SAMA rate	Cash	Transfer
U.S. Dollar	3.36	3.37	3.37
Pound Sterling	6.73	6.70	6.78
Deutche Mark	1.81 (100)	181.75	182.25
Swiss F	2.01 (100)	203.00	202.25
French F	0.79 (100)	79.25	79.00
Italian Lira (1000)	—	4.05	4.05
Lebanese Lira (100)	—	106.75	106.50
Syrian Lira (100)	—	80.25	86.75
Egyptian Pound	—	4.55	4.82
Kuwaiti Dinar	—	12.30	12.30
Jordanian Dinar	—	11.35	11.35
Emirates Dirham (100)	—	88.00	87.80
Qatari Riyal (100)	—	88.00	87.80
Bahraini Dinar	—	8.80	8.78
Iranian Riyal (100)	—	—	46.50
Iraqi Dinar	—	9.40	—
Yemeni Riyal (100)	—	74.00	74.00
Moroccan Dirham (100)	—	79.00	88.25
Indian Rupee (100)	—	—	41.20
Pakistani Rupee (100)	—	—	34.30
Gold kg	—	26,850	
10 Tolas bar	—	3,150	
Silver kg bar	—	700	
Japaoese yen (100)	1.68	—	—
Canadian dollar	2.82	—	—
Belgian franc (10)	1.15	—	—
Dutch gilder	1.68	—	—
Italian Lira (100)	0.40	—	—

SAMA rates announced by the Saudi Arabian Moostary Agency, based on average rates on the Loodon money market aod the official price of the U.S. dollar.

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SHIP MOVEMENTS UP TO THE MORNING OF

CHANGES PAST 24 HRS — DATE 20.3.1399 / 17.2.1979 TIME: 0700 HRS.

1. Vessels Working — Berth No. | Name of the Ship | Agent | Type of cargo | Arrivel Date

Berth No.	Name of the Ship	Agent	Type of cargo	Arrivel Date
1	AL MESSILAH	KANOO	SHEEP	16/2/1979
2	GRAND NAVIGATOR	ALQURAISHI	CONTIANERS	16/2/1979
5	IBN AL BEITAR	KANOO	GEN CONTS	16/2/1979
6	SABAH TRADERS	ORRI	GENERAL/STEEL	16/2/1979
7	SARAH POULSEN	KANOO	GENERAL	15/2/1979
8	EFTHYIA	BARBER	GENERAL STEEL	15/2/1979
9	TAINING	S.E.A.	GENERAL	16/2/1979
13	NAFELI	GOSAIBI	TIMBER	16/2/1979
14	STURMFELS	ALIREZA	GENERAL	14/2/1979
15	HANNAH-LU	GOSAIBI	CONTRS/GENERAL	12/2/1979
18	CAPE PRIDE	GOSAIBI	C. CEMENT IN BAGS	14/2/1979
19	EVER HONESTY	UEP	C. CEMENT IN BAGS	8/2/1979
20	ELEISTRIA IV	ORRI	LIME IN BAGS	16/2/1979
21	BAKAR (D.B.)	BARBER	BULK CEMENT	15/2/1979
28	GREAT MAURICE	KANOO	LIME MARBLE	15/2/1979

Vessels Working at Ancoroge

PRIMAVERA	SMC	BULK CEMENT	15/2/1979

2-Recent Arrivals

SEATRAIN LONDON	ALQURAISHI	CONTIANERS	15/2/1979
SARAH POULSEN	KANOO	GENERAL	15/2/1979
IBN AL BEITAR	KANOO	CONTRS/GENERAL	16/2/1979
EFTHYIA	BARBER	GENERAL STEEL	16/2/1979
BAKAR	BARBER	BULK CEMENT	15/2/1979
AL MESSILAH	KANOO	SHEEP	16/2/1979
BARGE QN-117	BARBER	STEEL BARS	15/2/1979
ASIA LARK	ALIREZA	BULK CEMENT	16/2/1979
PRIMAVERA	SMC	BULK CEMENT	15/2/1979
NEFELI	GOSAIBI	TIMBER	16/2/1979
GRANO NAVIGATOR	ALQURAISHI	CONTIANERS	16/2/1979
KHALIL SKY	SOEASIA	FROZEN CHICKEN	15/2/1979
WI EXPRESS	GULF	GENERAL	16/2/1979
SABAH TRADERS	ORRI	GENERAL STEEL	16/2/1979
ELEISTRA IV	ORRI	LIME IN BAGS	16/2/1979
TAINING	S.E.A.	GENERAL	16/2/1979
ST LOUIS	REZAYAT	CONTIANERS	15/2/1979

3-Vessels Expected With in 24 Hours

EVER PIONEER	GOSAIBI
LONDON BARON	GLOBE
HOSHO MARU	KANOO
CHARITY	ORRI
MARIA — N	REZAYAT

4-Tonnages Dischorged:(Freight Tons): 68,539

5-WAITING TIME: NIL

Note: Importers having goods on the above mentioneo ships should complete their formelities as soon as possible. For any inquiries please contact the Shipping Agents.

BBS Barber Blue Sea

Voy No.	3402	3403
SHIP	TSU	MEMO NO.
NEW ORLEANS/	9/2	1/3
HOUSTON	13/2	3/3
NORFOLK	16/2	9/3
BALTIMORE	20/2	11/3
NEW YORK	22/2	14/3
ST. JOHN N.B.	23/2	—
DAMMAM	25/3	8/4

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New Plymouth	27/2
Melbourne	2/3
Fremantle	7/3
Dammam	22/3
SOUTH AMERICA SERVICE	Rockhampton Star V4
Rio de Janeiro	1/3
Santos	3/2
San Francisco	—
Rio Grande	
Monte Video	22/2
Buenos Aires	15/2
Dammam	5/4

Blue Star Line MIDDLE EAST SERVICES

Australia Star	18/2
Fremantle Star	18/2

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Ship	TAIKO	CONON FOREST
Scand port Gothenburg	7-14/2	15/2
Hamburg Bremen/Bremerh	16-17/2 19-20/2	17/2
Hull Tilbury		19-20/2
Rotterdam Antwerp	26-27/2 28/2	21/2
Marseilles Leghorn	6-7/3	28/2-1/3
Dammam	27/3	18/3

ARRIVING DAMMAM

Tainyr	901	18/2
Vance Forest	905	4/3

WILLINE

Voy No. Ship	4A Tamand	14A Tardaga
BUSANI	18/2	8/3
KOBE	12/2	10/3
NAGOYA	15/2	13/3
YOKOHAMA	16/2	14/3
HONG KONG	23/2	22/3
SINGAPORE	28/2	27/3
DAMMAM	11/3	10/4

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Tarouga	13A	13/2
Tilos	1A	25/2

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Saudi Arabian Government Tenders

Authority	Description	No. of Tender	Price SR	Closing Date
* Ministry of Municipal and Rural Affairs	Fencing of Nabuqa graveyard in Nejran	26-97/98	150	April 2
* " " "	Fencing of graveyards of Mredisiah in Qassim	"	500	April 3
* " " "	Fencing of Olya graveyard io Shamasiah	"	100	April 7
* " " "	Fencing of graveyards in Mieha, Ghanwa and Nata villages io the Eastern Province	"	250	April 8
* " " "	Fencing of a graveyard in Ola, Baha region	"	100	April 9
* " " "	Fencing of three graveyards in Hasda, Kaf and Eisawiah villages in Qorayat	"	400	April 10
* " " "	Building of a commercial market in Halat Ammar, containing 12 shops.	97-98/99	500	April 14

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SHIP MOVEMENTS UP TO THE MORNING OF 17TH FEBRUARY 1979

1-VESSELS DISCHARGING

BERTH	VESSEL	AGENT	CARGO	ARR.DATE
1A	—	—	—	—
1	—	—	—	—
2	—	—	—	—
3	—	—	—	—
4	—	—	—	—
5	—	—	—	—
6	HEX RIVIER	STAR NAV.	FRUITS	15/2/1979
7	ALUDRA	S.N.L.	LUB OIL/GEN./CONTRS.	16/2/1979
8	BARGES EX STONEWALL JACKSON	A.E.T.	GENERAL	17/2/1979
9	—	—	—	—
10	LUCKY THREE	ORRI	SORGHUM/RICE/ MAIZE	9/2/1979
11	—	—	—	—
12	MALDIVE NAVIGATOR	OCEAN TRD.	SORGHUM/MAIZE/ TIMBER	11/2/1979
13	CORREZE	ALGEZIRAH	TO LOAD MTY. CONTRS.	16/2/1979
14	—	—	—	—
15	EVANGELIA	ALSAADA	GENERAL	14/2/1979
16	—	—	—	—
17	—	—	—	—
18	IONIAN CARRIER	ROLACO	BULK CEMENT	8/2/1979
19	TOKI ARROW	ALSABAH	BULK CEMENT	5/2/1979
20	MOSRIVER	GULF	BAGGED CEMENT	3/2/1979
21	ATLANTIC CHALLENGE	ALSAADA	BAGGED CEMENT	11/2/1979
22	TOULLA	A.A.	BAGGED CEMENT	6/2/1979
23	FILIPINAS SAUDI I	S.A.M.A	ACCOMMODATION SHIP	—
35	—	—	—	—
36	—	—	—	—
38	HELLENIC SUN	ALPHA	GENERAL/BAGGED RICE	14/2/1979
39	—	—	—	—
40	ATLANTIC FREEZER	O.C.E.	FROZEN POULTRY	12/2/1979
41	—	—	—	—
42	—	—	—	—
43	—	—	—	—
44	—	—	—	—

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LEON	M.T.A.	CTRS./TRUCKS/MIXERS	16/2/1979

2-Recent Arrivals

ALUDRA	S.N.L.	GENERAL/LUB.OIL/ CONTRS	16/2/1979
CASTLE GLORY	STAR NAV.	DURRA	16/2/1979
LEON	M.T.A.	CONTRS./MIXERS	16/2/1979
CORREZE	ALGEZIRAH	TO LOAD M/T. CONTRS.	16/2/1979
CELENK	RED SEA	REBAR/BRICKS/ CONCRETE BEAMS	16/2/1979
MAGNITOGORSK	A.E.T.	CONTRS./CARS/BUSES	17/2/1979
SINGA SATU	A.E.T.	VEHICLES	17/2/1979
GRAND UNION	M.E.S.A.	BANANAS	17/2/1979

Vessels Expected to Arrive With in Next 24 Hours

PEP OCEAN	RASHAR	ANIMAL FOOD/VET.MEDS.	17/2/1979
BRAINFELS	ALIREZA	GEN./STEEL.TIMBER/ CEMENT	17/2/1979
LAMMA ISLAND	ALATAS	SORGHUM/GEN./STEEL./ CONTAINERS	17/2/1979
SKOTLAND	BARBER	CONTAINERS	17/2/1979
NEDLI OYD	ALATAS	CONTAINERS	17/2/1979
MARETANIA		CONTAINERS	17/2/1979
MINI LEO	ROLACO	CONTAINERS	17/2/1979
SAUDI CROWN	A.E.T.	CONTAINERS	17/2/1979
FOSS HAVRE	FAYEZ	CTRS./FLATS/MOBILES	17/2/1979
MERZARIO	A.E.T.	RO RO	17/2/1979
AUSONIA		RO RO	17/2/1979
MERZARIO	A.E.T.	MOBILES	17/2/1979
GRECIA		MAIZE/RICE/SORGHUM	17/2/1979
ALPHA EXPRESS	ALGOSAIBI	CONTAINERS	17/2/1979
SEA EAGLE	ORRI		
RHEINFELS	ALIREZA		

4-Tonnages Discharged:(Freight Tons): 34,529

5-WAITING TIME: NIL

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WORLD STOCK MARKETS بورصات العالم

NEW YORK

Stock	Feb. 14	Feb. 15
Abbotts Labs	31⅛	30⅞
AM International	17⅛	18¼
Adobe Oil & Gas	20⅝	22
Aetna Life & Cas	40	40⅛
Air Products	25⅞	25⅜
Alcan Aluminium	30⅛	36⅛
Alcoa	52⅛	52⅛
Alleg. Ludlum	16⅛	16⅜
Allegheny Power	16½	16½
Allied Chemical	28⅛	29⅛
Allied Stores	21⅝	21⅜
Allis Chalmers	31⅞	31⅞
AMAX	50	50
Amerada Hess	26⅞	28
Amer. Airlines	11⅛	11¼
Amer. Brands	48⅛	49⅛
Amer. Broadcast	37⅛	36⅝
Amer. Can.	35⅜	35⅜
Amer. Cyanamid	25⅛	25
Amer. Dist. Tel.	24⅛	24⅛
Amer. Elec. Pow.	21⅞	22
American Express	30	30
Amer. Home Prod.	27¼	27⅛
Amer. Medical	28⅞	28⅞
Amer. Motors	5⅞	5⅞
Amer. Nat. Gas	37⅛	37⅛
Amer. Standard	43	43
Amer. Stores	39⅛	39⅛
Amer. Tel. & Tel.	64⅛	64½
Ametek	31⅛	31¼
AMF	16⅛	16⅞
AMP	32	32
Ampex	15½	15⅜
Anchor Hocking	28⅛	28⅛
Anheuser Busch	25⅛	25½
Armco Steel	20	19⅞
ASA	25⅛	25
Asamera Oil	15⅞	15⅞
Asarco	18⅞	18⅞
Ashland Oil	38	38
Atl. Richfield	59⅞	59⅞
Auto Data Pro.	29¼	29⅛
AVC	9¼	9
Avco	20⅛	19⅞
Avon Products	48⅛	48
Balt. Gas Elect.	25⅞	25½
Bangor Punta	21	20⅞
Bank America	24½	24⅜
Bankers Tr. N.Y.	33⅞	33⅞
Barber Oil	27⅞	27⅞
Baxter Travenol	37	37
Beatrice Food	22⅛	22⅛
Becton Dickenson	34⅛	33⅞
Bell & Howell	16⅛	15⅞
Bendix	38⅛	38⅛
Benguet Cons 'B'	3⅞	3⅛
Bethlehem Steel	22⅞	22½
Black & Decker	19	18⅞
Boeing	68⅜	68⅜
Boise Cascade	31⅛	31⅛
Borden	25⅞	25⅞
Borg Warner	27½	28
Braniff Int.	11⅞	11½
Brascan 'A'	15⅞	15⅞
Bristol Myers	34⅜	34⅛
Brit. Pet. ADR	19¼	19⅛
Brockway Glass	18	17⅞
Brunswick	14	13⅞
Bucyrus Erie	18⅜	19¼
Bulova Watch	9⅞	9⅞
Burlington Nthn.	39⅛	40
Burroughs	65	65⅛
Campbell Soup	22	33⅜
Canadian Pacific	21⅛	21¼
Canal Randolph	10⅛	10⅛
Carnation	25⅛	25½
Carrier & General	11⅛	11⅞
Carter Hawley	15⅛	15½
Caterpillar Tracto	59⅛	59½
CBS	54⅛	52
Celanese Corpn.	41	41
Central & S.W.	15⅞	15⅞
Certainteed	17⅛	17⅛
Cessna Aircraft	18½	18
Champion Inter	21⅛	21⅛
Chase Manhattan	29⅛	29
Chemical Bk. N.Y.	39⅛	38⅛
Chesebrgh Pond	23¼	23
Chessie System	28⅛	27⅞
Chicago Bridge	47⅞	48
Chrysler	10⅛	10
Cinc. Milacron	30⅞	31⅛
Citicorp	23⅛	23½
Cities Service	54⅞	54⅞
City Investing	15	15⅞
Cleveland Cliffs	28⅞	28⅞
Coca Cola	43⅛	43⅛
Colgate Palm.	17⅞	17⅞
Collins Aikman	9	9
Columbia Gas	25⅞	25⅞
Columbia Pictures	20⅞	21⅛
Com. Ins. Co. of Am.	16⅛	16⅜
Combustion Eng.	35⅜	34⅝
Combustion Eq.	10⅛	10⅛
Com'w'th Edison	26⅞	26⅜
Comm. Satellite	41⅛	41⅛
Computer Science	11⅛	11⅛
Conn. Life Ins.	35⅞	35⅛
Conrac	14⅞	14⅞
Con. Edison N.Y.	24⅛	24⅞
Consol. Foods	23½	23⅛
Consol. Nat. Gas	38⅛	39
Consumer Power	22⅞	22⅛
Continental Grp.	26½	26½
Continental Oil	31⅛	31⅛
Continental Tele.	15⅞	15⅞
Control Data	33	32⅞
Cooper Indus.	48⅛	49⅛
Corning Glass	54⅜	53⅜
CPC International	51⅛	51⅛
Crane	31	30⅞
Crocker Nat.	27⅛	27⅛
Crown Zellerbach	33½	33½
Cummins Engine	36⅛	35⅞
Curtiss Wright	14½	14⅞
Dana	28⅞	28⅞
Dart Industries	40⅞	40½
Deere	37	37⅛
Del Monte	48⅛	48⅛
Deltona	11⅞	11⅛
Dentsply Inter.	15⅛	15½
Detroit Edison	14⅞	14⅞
Diamond Shamrk.	26	19⅞
Dictaphone	26⅛	26⅛
Digital Equip.	52⅞	52⅞
Disney (Walt)	39⅞	39⅜
Dover Corpn.	46	46
Dow Chemical	26⅛	25⅞
Dravo	26	26
Dresser	37⅞	37½
Dupont	132⅞	133
Eagle Pitcher	20⅞	20⅞
East Airlines	7⅞	8
Eastman Kodak	60⅜	61
Eaton	36⅞	36⅛
E.G. & G.	28⅛	28
El Paso Nat. Gas	18	17⅞
Eltra	28⅛	28⅛
Emerson Electric	34⅞	34⅜
Emery Air Freight	18	18⅛
Enhart	34⅞	34⅛
EMI	2⅛	2⅛
Engelhard	34⅛	34⅞
Esmark	25⅛	25⅛
Ethyl	22⅛	22⅜
Exxon	50⅞	50⅞
Fairchild Camera	29⅞	30⅜
Fed. Dept. Stores	32⅛	31⅞
Firestone Tire	13⅛	13⅛
First Nat. Boston	27⅛	26⅛
Flexi Van	14⅛	14⅞
Flintkote	30⅞	30⅛
Florida Power	32⅞	32½
Fluor	33⅜	33⅞
FMC	23½	23⅞
Ford Motor	41	41½
Foremost Mck.	19	18⅞
Foxboro	31⅛	31⅞
Franklin Mint	7⅛	7⅞
Freeport Mineral	37	37⅛
Fruehauf	28⅞	28⅞
Fuqua Industries	9⅛	10
GAF	11⅞	12⅛
Gannett	40	39⅛
Gelco	26	25⅞
Gen. Amer. Int.	9⅞	9¾
GATX	24⅞	24⅞
Gen. Cable	16⅛	16⅛
Gen. Dynamics	81	80
Gen. Electrics	46⅛	46⅛
General Foods	35	34⅛
General Mills	26¼	26⅛
General Motors	55⅞	54⅞
Gen. Pub. Util.	17⅛	17⅛
Gen. Signal	27⅛	26⅛
Gen. Tel. Elect.	28⅞	28⅛
Gen. Tyre	25⅞	25⅞
Genesco	4⅛	4⅛
Georgia Pacific	29	28⅞
Geosource	29⅛	29⅜
Getty Oil	38⅛	38⅜
Gillette	25⅛	25⅞
Goodrich B. F.	17⅞	17⅞
Goodyear Tire	16⅞	16⅞
Gould	27⅛	27
Grace W. R.	26	26⅛
Gt. Atlan. Pac. Tea	7⅛	7
Gt. North. Iron	26	26
Greyhound	11⅛	11⅛
Gulf & Western	14⅞	14⅞
Gulf Oil	24	24⅛
Halliburton	63⅞	64⅛
Hanna Mining	34⅛	34⅛
Harnischfeger	13⅞	13⅞
Harris Corpn.	28⅛	28⅛
Heinz H. J.	40⅛	40¼
Heublein	29⅛	29⅛
Hewlett Packard	88⅛	88⅛
Holiday Inns	15⅛	15⅜
Homestake	35⅛	35⅛
Honeywell	67⅛	68
Hoover	10⅛	10½
Hosp. Corp. Amer.	29⅛	28
Houston Nat. Gas	25⅛	26
Hunt (Ph. A) Chm.	14⅛	14⅛
Hutton (E. F.)	16⅛	16⅛
I.C. Industries	25⅛	25
INA	40⅛	40⅛
Ingersoll Rand	50⅛	49⅛
Inland Steel	35⅛	35
Insilco	12	12⅛
IBM	305.25	308.25
Intl. Flavours	22¼	22⅞
Intl. Harvester	38⅛	38
Intl. Min. & Chem.	61½	41⅛
Intl. Multifoods	18⅛	18⅞
Inco	18⅞	18⅛
Intl. Paper	41⅞	42⅛
Int. Rectifier	11⅛	10⅞
Int. Tel. & Tel.	28⅛	28
Iowa Beef	42⅛	42
IU International	10⅛	10⅛
Jim Walter	26⅛	26⅛
Johns Manville	23⅝	23½
Johnson Johnson	77⅛	71⅛
Johnson Control	28⅞	28⅛
Joy Manufacturing	31	30⅞
K. Mart Corp.	24	24
Kaiser Aluminium	19	19⅛
Kaiser Industries	2⅜	2⅛
Kaiser Steel	24⅞	24⅞
Kaneb Services	14⅞	14⅞
Kay	13⅞	14
Kennecott	24	23⅞
Kerr McGee	51⅛	51¼
Kidde Walter	29⅛	28⅞
Kimberley Clark	45⅞	45⅞
Koppers	18⅛	18⅞
Kraft	47⅞	47½
Kroger Co.	37	36⅞
Leaseway Trans.	22	22
Levi Strauss	41⅛	41⅛
Libby Ow. Food	25	25
Ligget Group	38⅛	39
Lilly (Ely)	51⅛	52
Litton Industries	20⅛	20⅛
Lockheed Aircraft	20⅛	20⅛
Lone Star Indus.	22⅛	22⅛
Long Island Ltd.	17⅛	17⅛
Louisiana Land	25	24⅞
Lubrizol	45⅛	45⅛
Lucky Stores	14⅞	14½
MacMillan	11⅞	11⅞
Macy R. H.	22¼	33
Mfrs. Hanover	32⅛	31⅞
Mapco	30⅛	30½
Marathon Oil	59⅞	59
Marine Midland	15⅛	15⅛
Marshall Field	16⅛	16⅛
May Dept. Stores	24⅛	23⅞
MCA	45½	45
McDermott	20⅞	20⅞
McDonnell Doug.	30⅛	31⅛
McGraw Hill	27⅞	27⅛
Memorex	22	33⅜
Merck	67⅞	67⅞
Merrill Lynch	16⅛	16⅛
Mesa Petroleum	37⅛	37⅛
MGM	21⅞	22⅛
Minn Mng & Mfg.	59⅞	59⅛
Mobil Corp.	70⅜	70⅛
Monsanto	48⅛	47⅞
Morgan J. P.	45⅛	45
Motorola	37	37⅛
Murphy Oil	44⅛	44
Nabisco	24⅛	23⅞
Nalco Chemical	29⅛	29½
National Can.	18⅛	18⅞
Nat. Distillers	19⅛	19⅛
Nat. Service Ind.	15⅛	16
National Steel	31⅛	31⅛
Natomas	46⅞	46⅞
NCR	65⅛	65
New England El.	22⅛	22
New England Tel.	35⅛	35⅛
Niagara Mohawk	15	15
Niagara Share	10⅛	10⅛
NL Industries	21⅛	21
Norfolk & Western	23⅞	23½
North Nat. Gas	37⅛	37⅛
Nthn. States Power	24⅛	24⅛
Nthwest Airlines	27⅞	26⅞
Nthwest Bancorp	24⅛	24⅛
Norton Simon	15⅞	15⅞
Occidental Petrol	18⅛	19⅛
Ogilvy Mather	22	21⅛
Ohio Edison	16⅛	16½
Olin	18⅛	18
Overseas Ships	22⅛	22
Owens Corning	26⅛	26½
Owens Illinois	19⅞	19⅞
Pacific Gas	24⅛	24⅛
Pacific Lighting	20⅞	20⅛
Pac. Pwr. & Lt.	20⅞	20½
PanAm World Air	4⅛	6⅛
Parker Hannifin	26⅛	26⅛
Peabody Int.	22⅛	22
Penn. Pwr. & Lt.	20⅛	20⅞
Penny J. C.	31⅞	31⅞
Pennzoil	33⅛	32⅞
Peoples Drug	10⅞	10⅞
Peoples Gas	33⅛	33½
Pepsico	24⅞	24⅞
Perkin Elmer	29	29
Pfizer	31⅛	30⅞
Phelps Dodge	27	26⅞
Philadelphia Ele.	17⅛	17⅛
Philip Morris	67⅛	66⅞
Phillips Petroleum	32⅞	33⅛
Pilsbury	33⅞	33⅞
Pitney Bowes	25⅛	25
Pittston	20⅞	20⅛
Plessey Ltd ADR	20⅛	20⅛
Polaroid	50	50½
Potomac Elec.	13⅛	14
PPG Industries	27⅛	27⅛
Procter Gamble	83	82⅛
Pub. Serve Elect.	21⅞	21⅞
Pullman	32⅞	32⅛
Purex	15⅞	15⅛
Quaker Oats	24	24⅛
Rapid American	16⅛	15⅞
Raytheon	44⅛	43⅞
RCA	26⅛	26⅛
Republic Steel	26	25⅞
Resorts Intl. 'A'	38⅛	38⅛
Revlon	50⅛	50⅛
Reynolds Metals	36⅛	37⅛
Reynolds R. J.	56⅛	56⅛
Richardson Merrell	23⅛	23⅛
Rockwell Inter.	37⅞	37⅛
Rohm & Haas	36⅛	35⅞
Royal Dutch	63⅞	63
RTE	11	11⅛
Russ Togs	10⅛	10⅛
Ryder System	22½	22⅛
Safeway Stores	41⅛	41⅛
St. Joe Minerals	28⅛	28⅛
St. Regis Paper	30⅛	30⅛
Santa Fe Inds.	33⅞	30
Saxon Invest.	6⅞	7
Saxon Inds.	5⅛	5⅛
Schlitz Brewing	11⅛	11⅛
Schlumberger	98	96⅛
SCM	18⅛	18⅛
Scott Paper	17⅛	17
Scovil Mfg.	19	18⅞
Scudder Duovest	8⅛	8⅛
Sea Containers	22⅛	22½
Seagram	28⅞	29⅛
Searle (G. D.)	12	12
Sears Roebuck	20⅛	20½
SEDCO	27	26⅛
Shell Oil	31⅛	31⅛
Shell Transport	50⅛	50½
Signal	23½	23⅛
Sigoode Corp.	32⅛	32⅛
Simplicity Pat.	10⅞	10⅛
Singer	14	13⅞
Smith Inter	46⅛	46⅛
Smith Kline	91⅛	89⅛
Solitron	3⅛	3⅛
Southdown	40⅛	40½
Southern Cal. Ed.	26⅞	27
Southern Co.	14	14
Southern Nat. Res.	36⅛	35⅞
Southern Pacific	28⅛	28⅛
Southern Railway	50⅛	50⅛
Southland	26⅛	26½
S'w't Bancshares	24⅛	25
Sperry Hutch.	15⅞	16
Sperry Rand	47⅛	47⅛
Squib	32	33⅛
Standard Brands	25⅞	24⅞
Std. Oil California	45⅛	45⅛
Std. Oil Indiana	55⅞	54⅞
Std. Oil Ohio	47	47½
Stauff Chemical	40⅛	40½
Sterling Drug	15⅛	15⅛
Studebaker	29½	29⅛
Sun Co.	44⅛	44½
Sundstrand	22⅛	22
Syntex	35⅞	35⅞
Technicolor	11⅛	11⅛
Tektronix	50⅛	51
Teledyne	114½	115
Telex	5⅛	5½
Tenneco	29⅞	29⅛
Tesoro Petroleum	9⅛	9½
Texaco	24⅛	25
Texasgulf	23⅛	23⅞
Texas Eastern	39⅛	39⅞
Texas Instru.	81⅞	81⅛
Texas Oil & Gas	35	34⅞
Texas Utilities	19⅞	19⅞
Time Inc.	38⅞	39⅛
Times Mirror	30	30⅞
Timken	53⅛	53
Trane	20	19⅞
Transamerica	16⅛	16⅛
Transco	24⅛	24⅛
Trans Union	30⅞	30
Tran-way Intr'n.	21⅛	20⅞
TW Corp	16	15⅞
Travellers	35⅞	35⅞
Tri Continental	17⅞	17⅞
Triton Oil & Gas	5	5
T.R.W.	35⅞	35⅛
20th Century Fox	35⅛	34⅞
U.A.L.	24⅞	24⅞
UARCO	51⅛	51⅛
UGI	18⅛	18⅛
Unilever	42⅞	42⅞
Unilever NV	62	61⅞
Union Bancorp	28⅛	28⅛
Union Carbide	36	35⅞
Union Commerce	8⅞	9
Union Oil California	59⅞	60⅛
Union Pacific	56⅛	55⅞
Uniroyal	7⅛	6⅞
United Brands	9½	9⅞
US Bancorp	28⅛	28⅛
US Gypsum	29⅛	29⅛
US Shoe	20⅞	20⅞
US Steel	24⅛	23⅞
US Technologies	36⅞	37
UV Industries	32⅞	32⅛
Virginia Elect.	14⅛	14⅛
Walgreen	26½	26½
Wallace Murray	22¼	21¼
Warner-Commun.	46⅛	45⅛
Warner Lambert	23⅞	24
Waste-Man'ment	29⅛	29⅞
Wells-Fargo	26½	26⅞
Western Bancorp	24⅞	24⅞
Western N. Amer.	25	25½
Western Union	16	17
Westinghouse Elect.	17⅞	17⅞
Weyerhaeuser	29⅛	29
Whirlpool	17⅛	17⅛
White Con. Ind.	20⅛	19⅞
William Co.	18⅛	18⅛
Wisconsin Elect.	30	26
Woolworth	20⅛	20⅛
Wyly	4⅛	4⅛
Xerox	56⅞	56⅞
Zapata	14	14⅛
Zenith Radio	14⅛	11⅞
US Treas. 4% 1980	95 1/14	95 1/16
US Treas. 4½% 75/85	78⅜	78⅜
US 90 Day Bills	9.30%	9.30%

LONDON

COMMERCIAL & INDUSTRIAL

Stock	February 16	February 15
Allied Breweries	80½	80½
Babcock & Wilcox	145	145
Beecham Group	614½	607½
BICC	113½	113½
Blue Circle	243½	243½
BOC International	69	68½
Boots Co. Ltd.	190½	189½
Bowater Corpn.	176½	173½
B.A.T. Industries	299½	292½
Britannia Hldgs.	18	18
Brown (John) & Co.	394	394
Cadbury Schweppes	51½	51½
Commercial Union	140½	140½
Courtaulds	106	104
De La Rue Co.	335½	337½
Distillers Co.	207	206
Dunlop Holdings	64	61
EMI	127½	124½
Fisons	283½	283½
General Accident	190	190
General Electric	320½	318½
Glaxo Holdings	472½	465½
Grand Metropolitan	117½	116½
Gt. Univ. Stores "A"	292	290
Guardian Royal Ex.	212	212
GKN	230½	221½
Hawker Siddeley	202	202
Hoover "A"	201½	201½
House of Fraser	129½	128½
ICI	363½	357½
Imperial Group	82½	82½
Legal & General	139½	139½
London Brick Co.	63½	63½
Lucas (Industries)	267½	267½
Metal Box Ltd	302	298
P & O	78½	77½
Philips	865	870
Plessey Co.	104	103
Prudential Assur.	134½	134½
Rank Organization	230	238
Reckitt & Colman	458½	461½
Reed International	155½	155½
Rio Tinto Zinc Corp.	275½	274½
Royal Insurance	329½	327½
Spillers	39	37
Tate & Lyle	134	134
Thorn Electrical Ind.	342	339
Tube Investments	348	346
Turner & Newall	149½	148½
UDS Group	88	87
Unilever	544	536
Vickers	175½	175½
Woolworth (F.W.)	65½	65

BANKING

	Feb. 15 Price	Feb. 16 Price
Alexanders Disc. £1	234	234
Allied Irish Bank	198	198
ANZ Banking $A1	341	341
Bank of Ireland £1	397	395
Bank N.S.W. $A1	279	279
Bank of Scotland £1	299	299
Barclays Bank £1	378	376
Carter Ryder £1	282	283
Clive Discount 20p	77	75
Gerrard Discount	188	188
Grindlays Holdings	117	117
Guinness Peat Grp.	104	104
Hambros	177	177
Hill Samuel	81	81
Hong Shng $2.50	284	284
Keyser Ullmann	44	44
Kleinwort B.L.	90	90
Lloyds Bank £1	285	281
Mercury Secs.	124	125
Midland Bank £1	360	350
Nat. & Com. Bnkg.	83	81
Nat. West. £1	288	288
Schroders £1	378	378
Stand'd Chart. £1	447	444
Union Disc. £1	328	328

OIL

	Feb. 15 Price	Feb. 16 Price
British Petroleum	964	960
Burmah Oil Co.	92	92
Charterhall Ltd	28½	27½
KCA International	31½	31
Ldn. & Scot. Mar. (Stk)	450	450
Ldn. & Sct. Mar. (Ord)	161	158
Oil Exploration	228	224
Premier Con. Oil.	16½	16
Royal Dutch Pet.	£46.75	£46.40
Shell	625½	632½
Shell Transport	638	628
Tricentrol	188	186
Ultramar	258	253

MINING STOCKS

Stock	February 16	February 18
Anglo-Amer. Corp.	371	363
Anglo Amer. Gold	25⅞	25⅛
Ayer Hitam Tin	45½	45½
Barlow Rand	275	275
Blyvooruitzicht Gold	460	455
Botswana	35½	35½
Bracken	141	135
Buffels	13	13
Charter Consol.	146½	145½
Consol. Gold Fields	201½	200½
De Beers Con. Mines.	446	449
Doorns	442½	455
East Driefontein	$10⅞	$10⅛
Free State Geduld	23 15/16	24
General Mining	442½	442½
Goldfields of S.A.	22⅛	22
Harmony	535	527½
Hartics	20⅞	20⅛
Johannesburg Cons.	17 3/16	17 1/16
Kloof Gold Mng.	915	915
Leslie & Godwin	90½	88½
Libanon Gold Mng.	750	755
Mineral & Resources	226	222
President Brand	$13⅛	$13 3/16
President Steyn	$10⅞	$10 13/16
Roan Con. Mines 'B'	96½	96½
Rustenburg Platin.	154	152
Selection Trust	514	512
St. Helena	13 5/16	11 5/16
Stilfontein	512½	502½
Tanganyika Conc.	187½	186½
Union Corporation	359	358
Vaal Reefs Ex. Mng.	23⅛	22⅞
Welkom	460	452½
West Driefontein	32⅛	32½
Western Deep	$11 11/16	$11 13/16
Western Holdings	28 9/16	28⅞
Winkelhaak Mines	$11⅛	$11⅛
Zandpan	322½	322½
Zambia Copper Inv.	14½	14½

FRANKFURT

	Closing Feb. 14	Closing Feb. 14
	Price DM.	
AEG	67.18	67.80
Allianz Versich	490.00	481.00
BMW	229.50	224.20
BASF	133.30	133.20
Bayer	136.30	136.80
Bayer. Hypo.	278.00	277.00
Bayer. Vereinsbk.	290.00	282.50
Commerzbank	287.00	285.50
Cont. Gummi	70.18	70.20
Daimler Benz	307.70	305.00
Degussa	248.00	245.50
Demag	170.00	141.00
Deutsche Bank	279.90	279.80
Dresdner Bank	222.50	220.50
Dyckerhoff Zement.	174.00	171.00
Gutehoffnung	223.00xd	220.80xd
Hapag Lloyd	104.50	101.50
Harpener	148.00	147.10
Hoechst	132.60	133.20
Hoesch	48.30	48.80
Horten	150.00	148.50
Kali und Salz	151.00	152.50
Karstadt	327.00	325.50
Kaufhof	248.50	247.00
Klockner DM100	88.50	89.50
KHD	206.00	202.80
Krupp	96.00	97.00
Linde	287.00	280.60
Lowenbrau 100	1,530	1,525
Lufthansa	95.00	94.50
MAN	210.20	209.00
Mannesmann	162.50	160.50
Metallgesellschaft	268.50	271.00
Munchener Ruck.	530.00	550.00
Neckermann	170.00	168.50
Preussag DM100	160.00	159.00
Rhein West Elect.	176.70	176.50
Schering	244.50	241.50
Siemens	263.50	261.30
Sud Zucker	246.00	246.00
Thyssen A.G.	108.10	107.30
Varta	174.50	171.00
VEBA	140.00	141.50
Vereins & West Bank.	293	293.00
Volkswagen	237.50	235.50

PARIS

	Closing Feb. 15	Closing Feb. 16
	Price Frs.	
Corbeille		
Air Liquide	375.50	380.00
BSN-Gervais Danone	483.00	480.00
Bull Machines	55.10	55.30
CFP	136.00	138.50
CGE	375.00	377.00
CSF	350.50	354.00
Credit Foncier	426.90	426.50
Hachette	222.10	224.00
Michelin	961	964
Paribas	204.00	203.00
Pechiney	71.95	72.20
Peugeot Citroen	357.00	358.00
Philips	50.00	50.25
Printemps	121.50	124.20
Rhone Poulenc	100.10	102.50
Royal Dutch	267.90	270.00
Suez	271.00	273.50
Thomson-Brandt	218.00	220.00
Usinor	11.60	11.50
Group A		
Aquitaine	528.00	532.00
Chargeur Reunis	215.50	220.00
Essa	85.00	86.05
Galeries Lafayette	105.70	105.00
Perrier	253.50	260.00
Petrofina	544.00	541.00
Prenatal	33.15	33.20
Unilever	265.00	260.00
Union Miniere	111.50	113.00
Group B		
Carrefour	1600	1609
CCF	135.00	135.00
CIC	118.00	118.30
Fin un Europ	62.00	62.80
Lafarge	220.00	220.00
Moet-Hennessy	500.00	497.00
Nord	25.80	26.00
OPFI Paribas	100.00	100.00
Pennaroya	40.20	41.00
Radio Technique	395.00	397.00
Saint Gobain	138.00	138.00
Group C		
Cie Bancaire	406.00	407.00
Gen. Occidentale	249.00	249.00
Imetal	57.80	57.50
Kleber Colombes	59.90	61.90
L'Oreal	688.00	699.00
Roussel-UCLAF	334.80	335.18
Schneider	153.00	151.00
Shell Francaise	53.00	53.50
Group D		
Beghin-Say	120.00	124.00
CIT-Alcatel	951	965
LMT	972	970
Locafrance	215.00	216.00
Lyonnaise	452.00	450.00
Norsk-Hydro	197.00	201.00
Pernod Ricard	281.00	286.00
Redoute a Roubaix	449.00	449.00
Cash Market		
Gaic de Banque	460.00	460.00
Ommium	373.00	370.00
Shell Francaise	51.20	51.70

ZURICH

	Closing Feb. 15	Closing Feb. 16
	Price Swiss Frs.	
Alusuisse	1425	1420
BBC 'A'	1795	1795
Ciba Geigy (Fr.100)	1290	1285
Ciba Geigy Part.Cert.	1000	1015
Ciba Geigy Reg.	699	700
Credit Suisse	2390	2385
Electrowatt	2019	2018
Fischer (George)	710	715
Hoffman Part. Cert.	79250	78500
Hoffman (Small)	7900	7875
Interfood B.	4400	4440
Jelmoli (Fr.100)	1480	1475
Nestle (Fr.100)	3595	3590
Nestle Reg.	2415	2415
Oerlikon B. (Fr.250)	2575	2585
Pirelli SIP (Fr.100)	299.50	298
Sandoz (Fr.250)	4225	4225
Sandoz Parts Certs.	515	517
Schindler Cts.(Fr.100)	335	335
Sulzer Ct(Fr.100)	347	350
Swissair (Fr.350)	838	835
Swiss Bank (Fr.100)	401	404
Swiss (Re. Fr.250)	5275	5200
Union Bank	3290	3285
Zurich Ins.	12575	12575

MILAN

	Closing Feb. 15	Closing Feb. 16
	Price Lire	
ANIC	35.00	35.00
Assic. Generali	35790	35750
Bastogi	816	586.00
Centrale	4374	4301
Fiat	2750	2700
Finsider	180.25	180.00
IFI Pri.	2216	2120
Gen. Immobiliare	69.75	69.00
Italgas	778	774.50
Italsider	415.00	412.50
Italcementi	25700	25390
Marelli Ercole	220.00	219.75
Magneti Marelli	536.50	532.00
Mediobanca	31650	31350
Miralanza	20590	20600
Montedel	1820	1810
Montedison	188.00	185.00
Olivetti Ord.	968	980
Olivetti Priv.	1160	1153
Pierrel	674.00	675
Pirelli & Co	1780	1765
Pirelli S.P.A.	870	855
Rinascente	59.75	60.00
Snia	659	660
Snia Viscosa	820	814
Stet	1670	1670

OSLO

	Closing Feb. 14	Closing Feb. 15
	Price Kroner	
Bergen Bank	109.50	109.50
Borregaard	72.50	72.00
Creditbank	118.50	118.00
Kosmos	335.00	335.00
Kreditkassen	116.25	116.25
Norsk Hydro Kr.5	243.25	234.00
Storebrand	91.50	91.50

BRUSSELS

	Closing Feb. 15	Closing Feb. 16
	Price Frs.	
Forward Market		
ACEC	430	431
Arbed	2200	2270
Asturienne	676	688
Brascan	466	465
Brux-Lambert	1830	1805
Can Pac.	632	626
Cockerill	488	490
De Beers	214	212
Electrobel	6890	6918
EBES	2445	2435
GB-Inno-BM	2580	2580
Gevaert	1366	1366
Hoboken	2860	2960
Petrofina	3770	3925
Royal Dutch	1875	1880
Sidro	740	742
Soc. Gen. Belgique	2200	2150
Sofina	3520	3530
Solvay 'A'	2645	2635
Tanganyika Cons.	121	121
Union Miniere	776	784
Veille Montagne	1825	1860
Cash Market		
Assurances Gen.	0310	£110
Ford Motor	6750	6790
Soc. Gen. Banque	3405	3405

AMSTERDAM

	Closing Feb. 16	Closing Feb. 14
	Price Fls.	
Ahold (Fl.20)	118.30	118.50
Akzo (Fl.20)	30.70	31.50
Algem Bank (Fl.100)	364.00	364.00
AMEV (Fl.10)	92.40	92.50
Amrobank (Fl.20)	77.30	78.20
Bijenkorf	88.00	89.00
Boko West'mt Fl.20	127.50	125.50
Bols	69.70	71.00
Buhrm Tetterode	72.30	73.20
Elsevier (Fl.20)	280.40	282.00
Ennia NV Bearer	143.30	143.50
EuroComTst (Fl.10)	71.20	71.30
Gist Brocades (Fl.10)	38.30	39.00
Heineken (Fl.25)	92.00	92.20
Hoogovens (Fl.20)	31.60	32.10
Hunter D. (Fl.100)	22.00	21.90
K.L.M. (Fl.100)	103.80	109.50
Int. Muller (Fl.20)	45.20	45.50
Nat.Ned Ins. (Fl.10)	109.50	110.30
Nat Cred Bank (Fl.20)	57.50	57.20
Ned Mid Bank (Fl.50)	209.10	209.00
Oce (Fl.20)	176.00	179.50
Ogem (Fl. 10)	28.40	29.00
Van Ommeren	165.50	170.00
Pakhoed (Fl.20)	48.50	49.00
Philips (Fl.10)	23.90	24.00
Rijn Sch Ver (Fl.100)	42.80	46.20
Robeco (Fl.50)	165.00	165.00
Rolinco (Fl.50)	127.50	127.50
Rorento (Fl.50)	123.80	123.20
Royal Dutch (Fl.20)	126.60	127.30
Stevenburg	252.00	252.60
Tokyo Pac. Hlds.	126.50	128.00
Unilever (Fl.20)	123.30	123.50
Viking Res. Int.	43.50	42.50
Volker Stevin	92.30	94.00
Westland Utr. Bank	425.70	429.00

STOCKHOLM

	Closing Feb. 14	Closing Feb. 15
	Price Kroner	
Aga AB (Kr. 40)	200	199
Alfa Laval (Kr.50)	140	140
ASEA (Kr. 50)	79.00	77.00
Atlas Copco Kr.25	112	110
Billerud	57.50	55.50
Bofors	138	139
Cardo	187	186
Cellulosa	252	249
Elec'lux 'B' (Kr. 50)	119	116
Ericsson 'B' (Kr. 50)	141	139
Esselte (Free)	305	305
Fagersta	125	123
Granges (Free)	60.50	60.50
Handelsbanken	383	383
Marabou	152	152
MoOch Domsjo	83	82.50
Sandvik 'B' Krs.	262	260
SKF 'B' Krs.	69.00	69.00
Scand Enskilda	157	157
Tandstik 'B' (Kr.50)	79.80	78.50
Uddeholm	69.00	68.00
Volvo (Kr. 50)	83.00	81

COPENHAGEN

	Closing Feb. 14	Closing Feb. 15
	Price Kroner	
Andelsbanken	144⅛	143⅞
Danske Bank	129	128¼
East Asiatic Co.	139	138½
Finansbanken	142	142½
Bryggerier	262	262
For. Papir	118	118
Handelsbank	129½	128¼
G.N'th'n H.(Kr90)	302	301
Nord Kabel	187½	188
Novo Industri B.	211	206½
Oliefabrik	133½	134
Privatbank	141⅞	141
Provinsbank	143½	143
Soph. Berendsen	365	365
Superfos	173	173½

MADRID

	Closing Feb. 15	Closing Feb. 16
	Price Ptas.	
Asland	120	120
Banco Bilbao	288	282
Banco Atlantico (1,000)	234	234
Banco Central	299	293
Banco Exterior	258	254
Banco General	231	228
Banco Granada (1,000)	134	134
Banco Hispano	242	236
Banco Ind. Cat. (1,000)	160	160
B. Ind. Mediterraneo	183	183
Banco Popular	221	225
Banco Santander (250)	304	295
Banco Urquijo (1,000)	256	252
Banco Vizcaya	232	226
Banco Zaragozano	230	230
Bankunion	147	144
Banus Andalucia	143	143
Babcock & Wilcox	25	25
CIC	102	102
Dragados	200	194
E. I. Aragonesas	32.50	30.50
Espanola Zinc	95	95
Expl. Rio Tinto	55.00	53.00
Fecsa (1,000)	58.00	56.75
Fenosa (1,000)	52.50	52.50
Gal. Preciados	44	44
Grupo Velasquez (400)	165	165
Hidrola	66.25	63.25
Iberduero	66.00	63.50
Inmobanif	72	72
Olarra	86	81
Papeleras Reunidas	37.00	36.00
Petroliber	100	100
Petroleos	160.00	156.00
Sarrio Papelera	39	39
Sniace	42.50	41.50
Sogefisa	125	125
Telefonica	72.00	69.00
Torras Hostench	69.00	69.00
Tubacex	67.50	54.75
Union Elec.	65.00	63.00

VIENNA

	Closing Feb. 15	Closing Feb. 16
	Price Sch.	
Creditanstalt	342	342
Perlmooser	263	263
Selecta	568	566
Semperit	68	68
SteyrDaimler	200	200
Veit Magnesit	251	250

TOKYO

	Closing Feb. 14	Closing Feb. 14
	Prices Yen	
Akai Trading	395	366
Asahi Elec.-Chem.	175	172
Asahi Glass	350	351
Bank of Tokyo	217	211
Banyu Pharm.	823	790
Bridgestone Tire	515	510
Canon	519	493
Chiyoda	786	714
Chubu Power	1040	1060
Citizen Watch	466	452
Daiichi Kangyo Bank	305	395
Dai Nippon Printing	539	537
Dai Nippon Tokyo	288	285
Ebara Manufac.	470	469
Fuji Bank	336	337
Fuji Photo Film	675	665
Fuji Spinning	154	153
Fujitsu	449	447
Hitachi	268	259
Honda Motor	482	484
IHI	—	189
Itoh	260	259
J.A.L.	2940	2930
Kajima	351	348
Kansai Power	1070	1170
Kao	629	620
Kawasaki Steel	125	123
Kirin Brewery	455	453
Komatsu	358	357
Kubota	285	275
Matsushita Inds.	690	685
Matsushita Works	561	570
Mitsubishi Bank	335	333
Mitsubishi Chemical	152	150
Mitsubishi Electric	184	183
Mitsubishi Estate	388	392
Mitsubishi Heavy	129	129
Mitsubishi Corp.	422	424
Mitsui Co.	297	307
Mitsui Estate	639	636
Mitsui Smelting	118	117
Mitsukoshi	538	535
Mitsumi Electric	535	514
Nicemo	263	261
Nippon Electric	287	290
Nippon Fire Insur.	263	263
Nippon Light Metal	145	152
Nippon Mus.	915	931
Nippon Oil	—	744
Nippon Securities	—	364
Nippon Sheet Glass	—	267
Nippon Steel	—	135
Nippon Toki	—	385
Nippon Yusen	—	243
Nissan Motor	666	668
Nomura Securities	—	455
Olympus	734	730
Ricoh	570	561
Sharp	477	474
Shiseido	1170	1170
Sony	1640	1630
Sumitomo Bank	335	335
Sumitomo Cement	217	220
Sumitomo Chem.	133	132
Sumitomo Marine	241	245
Sumitomo Metal	126	124
Taisei	235	233
Taisho	241	240
Takeda	505	500
Teijin	140	139
Toho Rayon	268	275
Tokyo Gas	131	130
Tokyo Marine	492	490
Tokyo Power	1070	1060
Toppan	483	485
Toray Indus.	186	183
Toshiba	150	148
Toyo Kogyo	462	450
Toyota	853	848
Yasuda	241	242
Yamaichi	287	285

SINGAPORE

	Closing Feb. 15	Closing Feb. 16
	Price Singapore $	
Industrials:		
Boustead Holdings	275	276
Boustead Co.	194	192
Cold Storage Hdgs	125	222
Cycle & Carriage	338	336
Esso Ord.	406	404
Fraser & Neave	525	525
Guinness	500/515	500/505
Harper Gilfillan	298	298
Haw Par Bros.	166	164
Inchcape	164	160
Malayan Breweries	590	550/590
Malayan Tobacco	416/426	418/428
National Iron	545	635
N.B. Timbers	180	179
Paper Products	149	147/149
Rothmans	283	283
Sime Derby Hdgs	318	318
Straits Steamship	251	252
Straits Times Press	610	615
Straits Trading Co.	570	565
Times Publishing	304xd	302xd
Tractors Malaysia	525/535	525/535
United Engineers	135	134
William Jacks Co.	125/128	UNQ
Finances:		
DBS	452	454
Hong Leong	324	322
Malayan Banking	630xd	625xd
OCBC	805	805
UOB	340	342
Hotels:		
Faber Merlin	98	96½
Goodwood Park	UNQ	UNQ
Properties:		
Central Properties	160/165	158
City Developments	113	113
Ual Overseas Land	150	147
Island Pen. Dev	320	300
Singapore Land	167	164
Palm Oils:		
United Plantations	226	226
Minings:		
Berjuntai Tin	775	775
Kampong Lanjut	200/230	210/240
Pahang Cons.	145	145
Selangor Dredging	402xd	402/410xd
Rubbers:		
Batu Lintang Rubber	209	209
Dunlop Estates	388	404
Kempas (Malaya)	410	418/426
K.L.Kepong	249	249
Kulim Malaysia	157	155
Highlands & Lowlands	362	364
Consol. Plantations	183	185

NOTE:

1. All prices are in pence unless otherwise stated.
2. DM50 denom. unless otherwise stated.
3. Frs.500 denom. unless otherwise stated.
4. Kr.100 denom. unless otherwise stated.
5. Ptas.500 denom. unless otherwise stated.
6. Yen 50 denom. unless otherwise stated.

xa = Ex all. xc = Ex scrip issue. xd = Ex dividend.
xr = Ex rights. UNQ = Unquoted.
SUSP = Suspended.

EXCHANGE RATES AND LONDON GOLD أسعار العملات والذهب

LONDON

February 16	Range
USA	2.0030-2.0040
Canada	2.3905-2.3915
France	8.5550-8.5650
Belgium	58.45-58.55
Italy	1681.00-1682.00
Holland	4.0100-4.0200
Switzerland	3.4500-3.5500
W. Germany	3.7100-3.7200
Sweden	8.7350-8.7450
Norway	10.1950-10.2050
Denmark	10.2900-10.3000
Austria	27.15-27.20
Portugal	94.65-95.15
Spain	138.30-138.40
Japan	401.40-401.20

NEW YORK

February 14	Opening Prices
STG	2.0025-2.0035
BFR CON	29.20-29.23
CAN	83.76-83.79
FFR	4.2740-4.2770
LIT	840.00-840.50
DFL	2.0035-2.0050
SFR	1.6710-1.6720
DMK	1.8540-1.8560
YEN	200.35-200.55
AUS. SCH	13.55-13.56
DKR	5.1375-5.1400
NKR	5.0945-5.0965
PORT	47.35-47.50
SKR	4.3650-4.3670
BFR FIN	29.65-29.70
SPAIN	69.05-69.10
MEXICO	22.75-22.76

Stg. one month 49-44 disc, two months 83-78 disc, three months 132-117 disc, six months 238-232 disc, twelve months 470-450 disc.
Can. one month 2 disc-flat, two months 2-4 prem, three months 1-3 prem, six months 10-12 prem, twelve months 14-21 prem.

N.Y. DOLLAR CROSS RATES

February 16	
Guilder	2.0039
Belgian Franc	29.2080
Deutschemark	1.8542
Hong Kong Dollar	4.7954
French Franc	4.2725
Italian Lira	839.200
Japanese Yen	200.600
Swiss Franc	1.6720

LONDON GOLD

February 16	
3.00p.m. fix	$247.05
Morning fix	$247.95
Yesterday's fix	$247.75

DOW JONES STOCK AVERAGES مؤشر داو جونز

DOW JONES CLOSING STOCK AVERAGES

February 15			
30 Industrials	829.09	DN 0.69	or 0.08%
20 Transport	212.02	DN 1.60	or 0.75%
15 Utilities	104.09	UP 0.03	or 0.03%
65 Stocks	281.53	DN 0.66	or 0.23%

New York — (AP-DJ) — The stock market drifted lower in light trading.

Analysts said the light trading volume Thursday indicated that many potential investors have taken to the sidelines. Political uncertainties in the Persian Gulf area and questions about the outlook for the U.S. economy are making foreign investors especially hesitant, one analyst said. Also, adversely affecting sentiment was the news report that Abu Dhabi and Qatar are raising their price for light crude oil by 7.2%.

Treasury Secretary, Michael Blumenthal, said domestic oil prices would rise and, if OPEC countries raise oil prices more than announced previously, there is "nothing we can do about it".

In the news, the Business Council scaled back its 1979 economic forecast, predicting flat or moderately declining economic activity and only modest progress on subduing inflation. It added that it expects a recovery by the second half of next year.

Industrial production showed only a slight gain in January and the December rise in business inventories kept pace with sales as indicated by the fact that inventories equalled 1.4 months' sales, unchanged from November.

About 790 issues declined while about 590 gained.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average ended at 829.09, off 0.69. It had been in minus territory all day. Volume fell to 22,560,000 shares from 27,360,000 shares Wednesday.

Prices rose slightly on the American Stock Exchange, where the average price per share gained three cents. The Exchange Index grew 0.42 point to 162.58.

Decliners outdistanced gainers by 289 to 261.

Resorts International Class A was the most traded share, up ⅜ to 38⅝ on volume of 175,800 shares.

Tubos-de-Acero-de-Mexico advanced ⅜ to 18⅞ on turnover of 88,300; Brown Cos. Warrants were up 4⅛ to 4 on 74,600 shares traded, and Houston Oil fell ½ to 17 on volume of 70,300. Reeves Telecom added ⅛ to 5⅛ with 66,300 shares changing hands.

DOW JONES NOON STOCK AVERAGES

February 16			
30 Industrials	827.88	DN 1.21	or 0.15%
20 Transport	211.63	DN 0.39	or 0.18%
15 Utilities	104.26	UP 0.17	or 0.16%
65 Stocks	281.25	DN 0.28	or 0.10%

FINANCIAL TIMES STOCK INDICES

	Feb. 16	Feb. 15	Feb. 14	Feb. 13	Feb. 12	Feb. 9	A year ago
Government Secs.	65.19	65.19	65.39	65.18	64.90	64.80	74.77
Fixed Interest	66.05	66.03	66.21	66.03	65.77	66.08	77.56
Industrial Ordinary	456.3	450.6	457.4	455.4	446.1	450.7	455.0
Gold Mines	172.2	175.6	174.6	177.0	177.4	174.0	156.6
Gold Mines (Ex-$ pm)	121.1	120.3	118.8	120.1	120.5	119.3	116.5
Ord. Div. Yield	6.24	6.30	6.21	6.24	6.37	6.32	5.89
Earnings Y'ld% (full)(*)	.	16.46	16.23	16.31	16.65	16.53	17.54
P/E Ratio (net)(*●)	7.95	7.88	7.99	7.95	7.79	7.85	7.87
Dealings marked	3,726	4,474	4,952	5,232	5,733	5,224	5,577
Equity turnover £m	—	66.74	84.65	75.32	73.00	95.02	69.53
Equity bargains total	—	12,110	15,117	13,486	13,914	14,957	14,321

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Latest Index 01-236 8026.

* Based on 52 per cent corporation tax. ● Nil = 7.66.
Basis 100 Govt. Secs. 15/10/26. Fixed Int. 1928. Ind. Ord. 1/7/35.
Gold Mines 12/9/55. Ex-$ pm index started June, 1972. SE Activity July-Dec. 1942.

LONDON COMMODITY PRICES

BASIC MATERIALS مواد

February 16 Lunchtime Prices

COCOA

	Today's Closing	Previous Closing
	£ per tonne	
March	1764	1760
May	1804	1803.5
July	1828	1825
September	1864	1860
December	1914	1906
March	1940	1928
May	1960	1940

ARABICA COFFEE

	$ per50Kilos	
August	UNQ	UNQ
October	UNQ	UNQ
December	UNQ	UNQ
February	UNQ	UNQ
April	UNQ	UNQ
June	UNQ	UNQ
August	UNQ	UNQ

ROBUSTA COFFEE

	£ per tonne	
March	1392	1390
May	1307	1306
July	1275	1274
September	1247	1245
November	1220	1216
January	1197	1193
March	1175	1172

GRAINS

	Wheat Yesterday's Closing	Barley Yesterday's Closing
	£ per long ton	
March	93.90	90.80
May	97.78	93.65
September	91.90	85.00
November	95.40	89.50
January	90.80	93.00

RUBBER

	Pence per Kilo	
March	60.40	60.20
April	61.30	61.20
April-June	41.90	61.80
July-September	63.85	63.80
Oct.-December	65.80	65.75
January-March	67.80	67.75
April-June	69.80	69.70
July-September	71.85	71.75
Oct.-December	73.90	73.80

RAW SUGAR

Sugar Pref. Comm. Comm.

	£ per long ton	
March	106.20	106.15
May	111.70	111.65
August	116.45	116.40
October	119.20	119.10
December	121.95	121.75
March	126.50	126.25
May	129.50	128.55

WHITE SUGAR

	£ per long ton	
April	108.75	108.00
July	113.75	113.00
September	118.50	118.00
November	122.50	121.75
February	129.75	129.50
April	135.75	135.00
July	140.00	136.00

SOYABEAN MEAL

	Today's Closing	Today's Closing
	£ per tonne	
February	UNQ	132.00
April	130.40	130.20
June	131.18	121.00
August	132.20	132.00
October	131.50	130.80
December	129.40	128.50
February	131.00	128.50

WOOL

	Australian Greasy Wool Pence per Kilo	
May	—	—
July	—	—
October	—	—
December	—	—
March	—	—
May	—	—
July	—	—
October	—	—

BASIC MINERALS المعادن

February 14 Official Close

ALUMINIUM

	Today's Closing	Previous Closing
	£ per tonne	
Cash	727.00	728.00
Three months	727.00	728.00
Settlement	728.00	—

COPPER

	£ per tonne	
Wirebars		
Cash	964.00	964.50
Three months	978.50	979.00
Settlement	964.50	—
Cathodes		
Cash	957.00	959.00
Three months	972.00	973.00
Settlement	959.00	—

LEAD

	£ per tonne	
Cash	509.00	510.00
Three months	483.50	484.00
Settlement	510.00	—

SILVER

	Per troy ounce	
Cash	367.40	367.50
Three months	378.50	378.00
Settlement	367.90	—

TIN

	£ per tonne	
Standard		
Cash	7190	7200
Three months	7135	7140
Settlement	7200	—
High Grade		
Cash	7300	7340
Three months	7155	7170
Settlement	7340	—

ZINC

	£ per tonne	
Cash	399.00	399.50
Three months	411.50	412.00
Settlement	399.50	—

EURO-CURRENCY INTEREST RATES أسعار فوائد العملات الأوروبية

Feb. 15	Sterling	U.S. Dollar	Canadian Dollar	Dutch Guilder	Swiss Franc	W. German Mark	French Franc	Italian Lira	Asian Dollar	Japanese Yen
Short term	3	10⅛-10⅜	8⅜-9⅜	7⅛-7½	par-½	3 7/16-3 9/16	6⅞-7⅛	9-12	—	4⅞-12 3/16
7days notice	13⅛-13⅜	10⅛-10½	8⅞-9⅜	7⅛-7⅞	par-½	3 7/16-3 9/16	6⅞-7⅛	10-11	9-9⅛	4⅛-5 11/16
Month	13½-13⅞	10⅛-10⅞	10 9/16-10 15/16	6⅛-6⅞	par-½	3 9/16-3 11/16	6⅞-7⅛	12⅛-13⅛	10 3/16-10 5/16	3 11/16-5
Three months	13 5/16-13 7/16	10 13/16-11 1/16	10 11/16-11 1/16	6⅛-6⅞	1/16-3/16	3⅛-4	7⅛-8	13⅛-14⅛	10 9/16-10 11/16	3⅛-4⅛
Six months	13⅛-13⅜	11-11⅛	10⅞-11⅛	6⅛-6⅞	5/16-7/16	4 1/16-4 3/16	8⅛-9⅛	14½-14⅞	10 15/16-11 1/16	4-4 5/16
One year	12 15/16-13 1/16	11-11⅛	10⅞-11⅛	6⅞-7	½-⅝	4⅛-4½	9⅛-9⅞	14-15	11-11⅛	3⅛-4 9/16

The following nominal rates were quoted for London dollar certificates of deposit: One month 10.45-10.55 per cent; three months 10.65-10.75 per cent; six months 10.95-11.05 per cent; one year 10.95-11.05 per cent.

Long-term Eurodollar deposits: two years 10 7/16-10 9/16 per cent; three years 10 3/16-10 5/16 per cent; four years 10 3/16-10 5/16 per cent; five years 10 3/16-10 5/16 per cent nominal closing rates. Short-term rates are call for sterling, U.S. dollars and Canadian dollars; two days' notice for guilders and Swiss francs. Asian rates are closing rates in Singapore.

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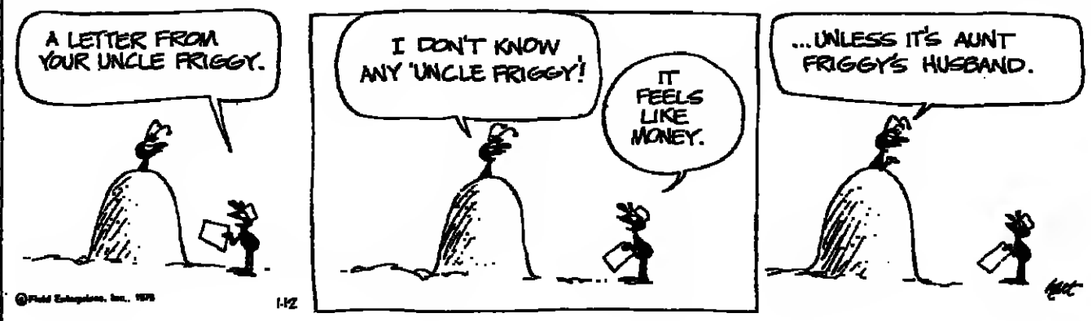

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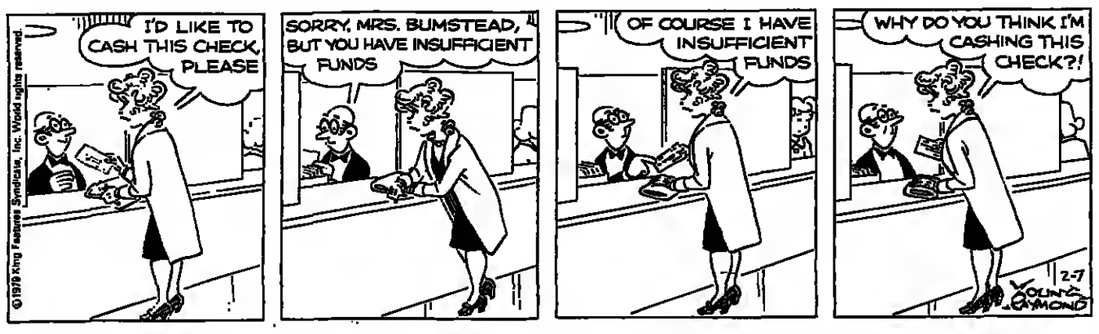

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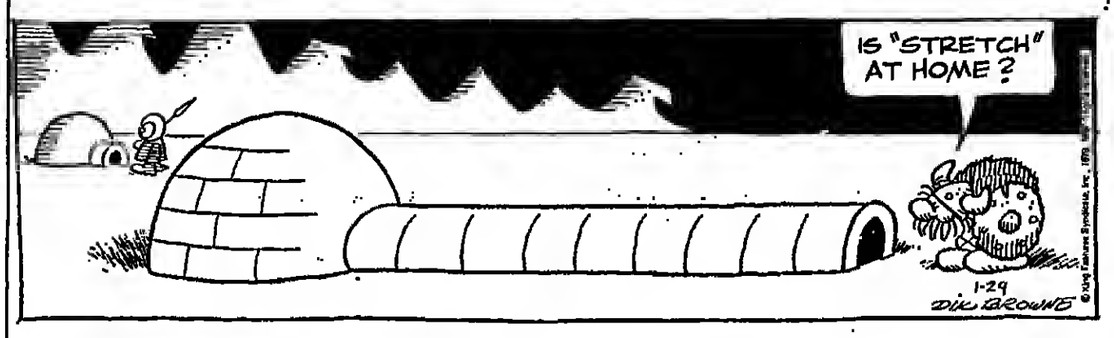

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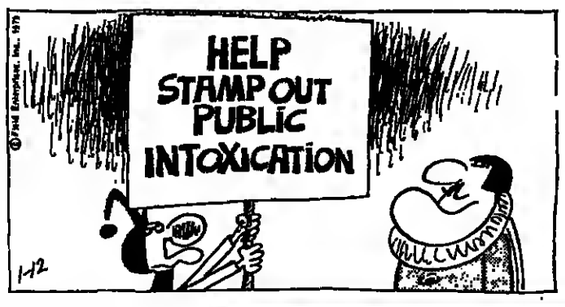


Dennis the Menace

"BOY! THERE'S A LOTTA LIVIN' BETWEEN NOW AND THE FOURTH O' JULY, JOEY!"

Ripley's Believe It or Not!

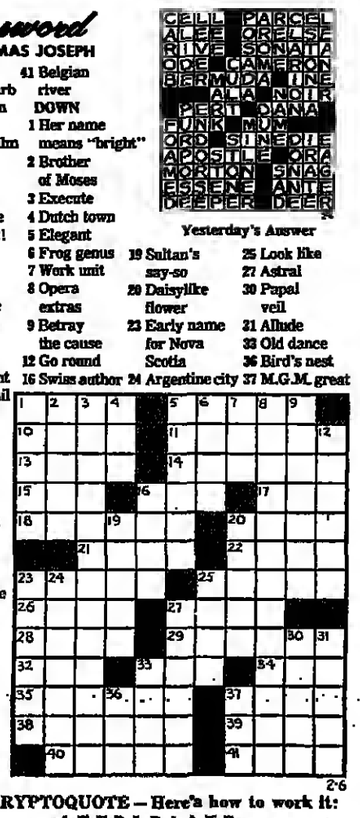
CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Crossword
by THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS
1 Batman garb
5 Salad green
10 Praise
11 Newman film
13 Johnson of comedy
14 Italian boy's name
15 Poppycock!
16 Gentle — lamb
17 Hgt.
18 Consecrate
20 Venezuela copper center
21 Forest giant
22 Rabbit's tail
23 Buddhist saint
25 Condition
26 Sorority member
27 Prophet
28 Hartebeest
29 Fright
32 "See-saw" name
33 L.A. athlete
34 Wrath
35 Laundry worker
37 Frond
38 More ethereal
39 Heraldic wreath
40 In a queer way
41 Belgian river

DOWN
1 Her name means "bright"
2 Brother of Moses
3 Execute
4 Dutch town
5 Elegant
6 Frog genus
7 Work unit
8 Opera extras
9 Betray the cause
12 Go round
16 Swiss author
19 Sultan's say-so
20 Daisylike flower
23 Early name for Nova Scotia
24 Argentine city
25 Look like
27 Astral
30 Papal veil
31 Allude
33 Old dance
36 Bird's nest
37 M.G.M. great

Yesterday's Answer



DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE — Here's how to work it:

A X Y D L B A A X E
is L O N G F E L L O W

One letter simply stands for another. In this sample A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

CRYPTOQUOTES

P R O W V R E Q O U I L Z T N Z O Z S Y Z
R V P G S F. W U Z W N R J A E Z G O
I A O Z S Y Z R V W U R J H U W.
— U. S Z C W R S

Yesterday's Cryptoquote: "FREEDOM OF SPEECH" DOES NOT GIVE ONE THE RIGHT TO SHOUT "FIRE" WHEN THERE IS NONE IN A CROWDED THEATER.—OLIVER W. HOLMES

Contract Bridge — B. Jay Becker

A Two-Edged Sword

East dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
♠J 9 4
♡7 6 5 3 2
◇A Q 10 2
♣5

WEST
♠Q 6 2
♡K Q J
◇4
♣K 10 9 0 4 3

EAST
♠K 0 7 5 3
♡10 8
◇9 7
♣Q J 7 6

SOUTH
♠A 10
♡A 9 4
◇K J 8 9 5 3
♣A 2

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1◇	2♣	2◇	3♣
3 NT	4♣	4◇	Pass
5◇			

Opening lead - king of hearts.

In notrump play, declarer often refuses to win the opening lead even though he has the ace of the suit led. This refusal to win a trick, called a hold-up, usually occurs when declarer is under attack in a suit where he is relatively weak. He withholds the ace in order to disrupt enemy communications.

The hold-up during suit play is much less frequent, but it can be just as effective as the hold-up in notrump play. For example, take this deal where South gets to five diamonds and West leads the king of hearts.

If South wins the king with the ace, he goes down against proper defense. Whenever declarer returns a heart, West takes the trick with the jack and shifts to a low spade. East's king forces the ace and declarer winds up losing three tricks — two hearts and one spade.

But if South refuses to win the king of hearts, he makes the contract regardless of what West plays next! Suppose West plays another heart. South takes the ace, draws trumps, and returns a heart. Dummy's hearts thus become established and they easily take care of South's spade loser.

Suppose West shifts to a low spade at trick two. Declarer wins East's king with the ace, draws trumps, and returns a spade. This establishes a spade trick in dummy and South avoids a second heart loser by discarding his nine of hearts on dummy's jack of spades.

There is no risk attached to ducking the king of hearts. Even if West has four hearts, South does not lose more than two tricks. If West continues with a heart, it makes no difference whether or not East ruffs; either way, declarer cannot be stopped from establishing dummy's fifth heart as a trick.

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ARAB NEWS CALENDAR

PRAYER TIMES

SUNDAY

	Fajr	Ishraq	Dhuhr	Assr	Maghreb	Isha
Mecca	5:36	6:55	12:42	4:00	6:23	7:53
Medina	5:39	6:56	12:43	3:58	6:20	7:50
Nejd	5:06	6:27	12:10	3:26	5:48	7:18

DHAHRAN TV

4:30 Children's Show
6:30 Happy Days
6:55 Music Time
7:20 Safety Film
7:21 Heartline To Health
7:36 The Saint
8:24 Soccer
9:17 Famous Film
Electric Co. No. 407
Superman: Test Of Warrior
Fonzie The Superstar
Pop Goes Country Show
6 B and C
Show Off Driver
No. 17 Pacemaker Living Better Electrically
The Better Mousetrap
Wrexham Vs. Arsenal
Charley Verrick

WEATHER

The weather will be affected by an air depression from across Egypt's Eastern desert. Southerly winds will be activated in the western and northwestern parts of the Kingdom raising dust and sands. Horizontal visibility will be reduced locally while temperature will rise steeply in those two regions. Clouds cover parts of the Western Province, especially the highlands, causing scattered rainstorms.

Sea conditions in territorial waters calm to choppy.

Saturday's temperatures (maximum, minimum in centigrade)

Mecca	32	21	Hail	20	07
Jeddah	31	20	Tabuk	26	11
Riyadh	25	12	Badana	22	04
Dhahran	24	15	Sulayil	29	11
Medina	29	17	Yanbu	37	20
Taif	26	12	Abha	22	07

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Afternoon Transmission
2:00 Opening
2:01 The Holy Quran
2:05 Gems of Guidance
2:10 Eminent Saudi Arabians
2:20 On Islam
2:30 Selection of Music
3:00 NEWS
3:10 Press Review
3:15 Music
3:20 Your Health
3:30 Leaps and Bounds
3:40 Music
3:50 Close Down

Evening Transmission
10:00 Opening
10.01 The Holy Quran
10:05 Message to the Faithful
10:10 Light Music
10:15 NEWS
10:25 S.A. — A Daily Chronicle
10:30 Top of the Pops
11:00 Youth Welfare
11:10 Islamic Contributions
11:15 The World Atlas
11:45 Arabic by Radio
12:00 Imp. Com. & Recollections
12:10 Music
12:15 Stay Awake
12:45 A Rendezvous with Dreams
01:00 Close Down

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P.M.
8:00 News Roundup: Reports: Actualities: Opinion; Analyses
8:30 Dateline News Summary
9:00 Special English: News; Feature. The Making of a Nation News Summary
9:30 Music USA: (Standards)
10:00 News Roundup: Reports; Actualities
10:05 Opinion: Analyses News Summary
10:30 VOA Magazine: America; Science; Cultural; Letter
11:00 Special English: News
11:30 Music USA: (Jazz)

VOA WORLD REPORT
Midnight
12:00 News .newsmakers' voices .correspondents reports .background features .media comments .news analyses.

BBC

Morning Transmission
8.00 World News
8.09 *Twenty-Four Hours News Summary
8.30 *Sarah Ward
8.45 World Today
9.00 Newsdesk
9.30 *Opera Star
10.00 World News
10.09 Twenty-Four Hours News Summary
10.30 *Sarah Ward
10.45 *Something to Show You
11.00 World News
11.09 Reflections
11:15 Piano Style
11.30 Brain of Britain 1978
12.00 World News
12.09 British Press Review
12.15 World Today
12.30 Financial News
12.40 Look Ahead
12.45 The Tony Myatt Request Show

Evening Transmission
1.15 Ulster in Focus
1.30 Discovery
2.00 World News
2.09 News about Britain
2.15 Alphabet of Musical Curios
2.30 Sports International
2.40 Radio Newsreel
3.15 Promenade Concert
3.45 Sports Round-up
4.00 World News
4.09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
4.30 The Pleasure's Yours
5.15 Report on Religion
6.00 Radio Newsreel
6.15 *Outlook
7.00 World News
7.09 Commentary
7.15 *Sherlock Holmes
7.45 World Today
8.00 World News
8.09 *Books and Writers
8.30 *Take One
8.45 Sports Round-up
9.00 World News
9.09 News about Britain
9.15 Radio Newsreel
9.30 Farming World
10.00 Outlook News Summary
10.39 Stock Market Report
10.45 Look Ahead
10.45 Ulster in Focus
11.00 World News
11.09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
11.30 The Pleasure's Yours

Midnight Transmission
12.15 Talkabout
12.45 Nature Notebook
1.00 World News
1.09 World Today
1.25 Financial News
1.35 Book Choice
1.40 Reflections
1.45 Sports Round-up
2.00 World News
2.09 Commentary
2.15 The Face of England

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Your Individual Horoscope

Frances Drake

FOR SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1979

What kind of day will tomorrow be? To find out what the stars say, read the forecast given for your birth Sign.

ARIES
(Mar. 21 to Apr. 19)
You're looking for more efficient ways to meet your work schedule. A social function could have business ramifications.

TAURUS
(Apr. 20 to May 20)
Harmonious relations with others put you in a mellow frame of mind. Prospects for romance are improving. Travelers have fun.

GEMINI
(May 21 to June 20)
In the mood to get things done around the house, you'll find pleasure in routine tasks. Everyone seems willing to cooperate.

CANCER
(June 21 to July 22)
Serious talks with loved ones now lead to greater closeness. Also, leisure moments spent in each other's company are very pleasant.

LEO
(July 23 to Aug. 22)
Inviting co-workers to your home now insures greater cooperation on the work scene in days to come. Share ideas with family members.

VIRGO
(Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)
Introducing your loved one to friends and neighbors now brings special joy. Whatever you do together insures greater rapport.

LIBRA
(Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)
Attempts to beautify your surroundings go well. A shopping expedition leads you to just what you need. Buy something for a loved one.

SCORPIO
(Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)
You can charm others now. Pleasant conversations with old friends and loved ones mark this day when you should keep in touch.

SAGITTARIUS
(Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)
Rummaging around the attic could lead to the discovery of some valuable or useful items. Time alone leads to business insights.

CAPRICORN
(Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)
Wear something special on this day when others are likely to be drawn towards you. Accept invitations and keep in contact with old friends.

AQUARIUS
(Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)
Confidential meetings re financial ventures and career planning run smoothly. A secret admirer wants to include you in a business deal.

PISCES
(Feb. 19 to Mar. 20)
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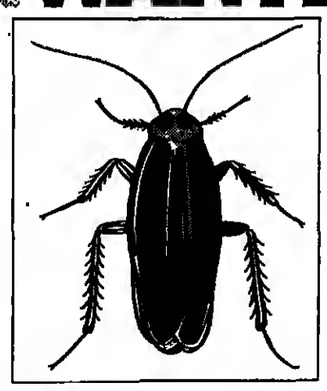
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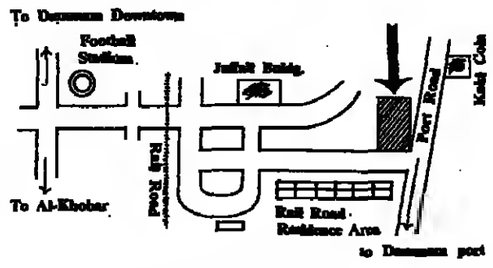

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At guerrilla buildup

Rhodesian jets strike into Zambia

SALISBURY, Feb. 17 (R) — Rhodesian jet aircraft Saturday attacked black guerrilla bases in southern Zambia, striking at a buildup of forces being prepared to cross into Rhodesia, military headquarters announced.

The raids took place at 7 a.m. in the Livingstone area of Zambia, a communique said. "All aircraft have returned safely to base," it said.

"Recent intelligence showed that the buildup of terrorists was taking place preparatory to infiltrating into Rhodesia," it said. "These holding camps were situated outside the built-up areas of Livingstone and only these ZIPRA camps were attacked."

ZIPRA is the Zimbabwe African People's Revolutionary Army of Zambia-based Patriotic Front alliance joint leader Joshua Nkomo.

The raids were launched five days after an Air Rhodesia Viscount airliner crashed in northern Rhodesia, killing all 59 passengers and crew.

Nkomo has claimed that his forces shot down the plane. It was believed here that it had been hit by at least one ground-to-air missile.

Rhodesian government leaders quickly pledged revenge for the disaster — the second time ZIPRA forces had downed an airliner here. Last Sept. 3, 38 passengers and crew died when another Viscount was hit by a missile in the same region.

The military also reported Saturday that Rhodesian troops shot up buildings in the southern mining town of Shabani Thursday night, killing a civilian and damaging houses.

A communique also reported that guerrillas sabotaged a strategic railroad bridge between here and the eastern garrison town of Umtali.

The military gave few details of the attack on Shabani, 200 miles south of here.

The communique, the first since Thursday, said: "Last night following an incident in Shabani security forces opened fire from a number of bases in the vicinity of the town. One black civilian was killed and buildings in the area were damaged. There was no direct terrorist involvement."

It gave no other details.

Elsewhere, security forces were said to have killed seven insurgents, five "terrorist collaborators," and a cattle rustler. Four other civilians were slain in crossfire.

With the latest deaths, the military command has acknowledged that security forces have slain 2,057 blacks, usually described as terrorist collaborators, curfew breakers or crossfire victims.

Four civilians have been reportedly slain by guerrillas, raising the reputed death toll of their victims to over 3,000.

Reporting the bridge sabotage, the military command said the main railroad between Salisbury and Umtali, administrative hub for the coffee and tea plantations, orchards and ranches, had been temporarily cut "following terrorist damage."

The communique said repairs were being carried out causing "some interruption of rail traffic."

It did not say how the bridge was sabotaged or what the extent of the damage was.

Guerrillas have in the past year made several attacks on Rhodesia's communications, ambushing vehicles on main highways, sabotaging railroads and bridges and shooting up trains.

CHINESE WINTER: Oil workers and housewives warm themselves at a stove inside a country store in the Sheg Li oilfields of Shantung Province. The stove is fuelled with natural gas from the oilfields. Bolts of cloth on sale are displayed in the background. —(AP photo)

JIMMY'S SOMBRERO: President Carter waves a sombrero that was presented to him Wednesday in Mexico City. Carter flew to Mexico for two days of talks with President Lopez Portillo. (See story page five.) (AP photo)

Alleged political murder

Peking punishes Red Guards

TOKYO, Feb. 17 (AP) — Several Chinese were severely punished recently for a 1967 "extermination campaign" in which more than 100 political foes were killed, over 400 maimed and more than 3,000 wounded during the chaotic "Cultural Revolution," China's leading newspaper says.

The Feb. 12 "People's Daily," edition, seen in Tokyo Saturday, did not elaborate on the "severe punishment according to law." It said Suo Ching-yeh, an assistant secretary of a local Communist Party branch in Kwangtung province's Haifeng county, had been arrested for his "serious crimes."

The report was the most detailed seen so far on factional violence during the 1966-69 period when the late Communist Party chairman Mao Tse-tung sent millions of young "Red Guards" out to harass and bring down his political foes.

The "People's Daily" said Sun's group in 1966 began denouncing Peng Pai, considered a martyr for leading a peasant rebellion years earlier, as a "leftist adventurer" and rebel whose uprising was mistaken and unnecessary. It said this group secretly arrested Peng's 95-year-old mother, who died under its cruel treatment.

When the masses resisted these actions, the paper added, Sun's group secretly transferred militia troops into the town and on Aug. 26, 1967, began a two-week "extermination campaign."

One of Sun's followers beheaded Peng's nephew, Peng Ko, and hung his head in a busy Haifeng district for three days as a demonstration to the masses, the paper said.

"At the time of the Aug. 26 great massacre, Premier Chou (En-lai) ordered weapons collected and a halt to the killing," the paper reported, but Sun's group demonstrated in the streets and pasted up "counter-revolutionary slogans" against him.

When party vice chairman Yeh Chien-ying sent an army team to investigate in 1974, Sun's followers falsified records and covered up their crimes, it said.

In another investigation last year, it added, authorities received more than 8,000 letters and more than 5,000 visits from the masses.

The paper said Sun was a follower of the late Defense Minister Lin Piao, reportedly killed in a plane crash in 1971 while trying to flee after an unsuccessful plot against Mao. Lin has been linked to the "Gang of Four" radical leaders, purged in 1976 on charges of trying to cause chaos and seize power.

All survive cargo jet, fighter mid-air collision

TAIPEI, Feb. 17 (AP) — A Trans-Mediterranean Airways Boeing 707 cargo plane collided in midair Saturday with a Taiwan air force F-100 fighter, but both aircraft landed safely in Taipei.

Taipei airport sources said there were no casualties.

With most of its tail cut off, the TMA made an emergency landing at Taipei's International Airport as its pilot skilfully maneuvered his aircraft down, said the sources, who declined to be identified.

Carrying a cargo described as general and a crew of three, the TMA plane was approaching Taipei from Bangkok when the collision took place. Sources said it occurred 10 minutes before the cargo plane lowered its landing gear.

According to the sources, the pilot of the Chinese combat plane bailed out and escaped unharmed shortly after the crash. The Chinese air force declind to confirm this.

Witness reports plight

Squalor, filth aboard the Tung An

MINNEOPOLIS, Minn. Feb. 17 (AP) — "Minneapolis Star" photographer Stormi Greener sneaked aboard the frieghter Tung An in Manila harbor to photograph the 2,300 Vietnamese refugees.

In a copyright story in the newspaper's Saturday magazine, Mrs. Greener told of what she saw during her six hours in January aboard the boat that reeked of sweat, rotting food and human waste.

The freighter was still moored in Manila Bay Saturday. The Philippine government had planned to order it out of Philippine waters last week but changed plans when it began receiving positive response from governments considering taking those on board as refugees.

The refugees were old, young, sick, bored. Some sat with their heads in their hands. Maggots burrowed into the cargo of flour and cattle feed. Mothers tried to rock their children asleep in the oppressive heat. In the hold, a small boy slept while flies lined the slit of his infected left eye.

Babies were crying. Even some of the older children wept as they sat alone, ignored.

There was scaffolding down one side of the Tung An, and refugees used it as a laundry area and lavatory. The sea water below was covered with human excrement. Farther down the deck, refugees used cans tied to ropes to bring up the water in which they bathed.

The Philippine government provided food and drinking water daily, but the support pledged by President Ferdinand Marcos did not include letting the refugees off the Tung An.

The fisherman who brought Ms. Greener and two other journalists to the freighter by canoe was to come back for them, but was apparently chased away by the Coast Guard. Deciding to give themselves up, they first put some blank rolls of film in their camera bags. They hid the exposed film in their boots, pants and shirts.

Several Vietnamese went topside and told the Coast Guard that "Press" had got aboard. Officers came onto the Tung An and, Ms. Greener wrote, she'd "never seen anyone so mad." The trio was taken to the mainland and held in a hot, tiny room for two hours while Coast Guard officers phoned various authorities.

Students in Nicaragua close down university

MANAGUA, Feb. 17 (AP) — Students have closed the University of Nicaragua and citizens groups have demanded a general strike to protest the shooting deaths the day before of five youths.

The National Guard said five youths were shot dead when troops broke down the doors of El Calvario Church in Leon 102 kilometers west of the capital.

Guard Commander Col. Simon Gonzalez said he sent patrols to investigate student protests in five churches in support of a month-old hospital workers hunger strike for higher wages.

The colonel's statement said the patrols faced small weapons fire from one church, El Calvario, and that troops fired back. When the sniper fire from the belfry did not stop, the guard said troops broke down the church door and entered the church, shooting.

After the incident, the guard said, five bodies were found inside the church. Three young people escaped, he said.

Civil groups, including the prestigious Nicaraguan Development Institute, the Chamber of Commerce, the Industrial Chamber, the Cotton Growers Chamber and several political parties, called an early morning meeting to demand a Leon province-wide general strike.

Students demonstrated at the University of Nicaragua campus in the capital Thursday night. The demonstration was broken up by troops firing tear-gas canisters. There were no injuries. The students than barricaded the campus entrances.

The bodies of the five youths were buried in different locations Thursday on the orders of the National Guard to avoid a concentration of mourners at the Leon municipal cementary.

Leon, province capital with a population of 100,000, was the site of another student shooting by troops in 1959 which has become known as "the massacre of July 23".

University of Leon Rector Mariano Fiallis Ayonguren said in a statement Friday that Thursday's shooting was "the second massacre of Leon."

Political turmoil continues for a second year in this violence wracked Central American country.

Guerrilla-led rebels fought troops in two weeks of national uprisings last fall in which an estimated 1,500 were killed.

From page one

Iran

—Assuring Israel of oil after it returns the Sinai fields to Egypt.

—Economic aid for the redeployment of Israel's forces from Sinai to the Negev Desert.

Dayan said that only Articles Four and Six had previously been discussed during Assistant Secretary of State Alfred Atherton's abortive mission to the region last month.

He said the talks would be in two stages. During the first few days each side would present its views and try to understand the other side's position.

"The delegations cannot sign anything but only clarify, send out feelers and trial proposals to see what can be agreed on," he said.

The delegations would then return home for consultations.

"I believe the talks would be a great success if all sides believed at their conclusion that if a summit meeting were held an agreement could be reached," Dayan said.

Khomeini

transport took another load of Americans, primarily U.S. military personnel, to Athens, Greece.

Two British Royal Air Force transport planes also left with 250 civilians and heaved for an airbase in southern Cyprus, according to an RAF spokesman in Cyprus. There are about 1,600 British subjects in Iran and the spokesman said more would be evacuated to Cyprus Sunday.

Passengers were escorted by armed guards right up to the steps of the planes. Baggage was combed by Khomeini guards before the Americans were allowed to begin boarding the special rescue flights. Those holding diplomatic passports were taken out of line and briefly held under armed guard then were allowed to rejoin other passengers.

China

mistreated in Vietnam.

In Washington the United States called Saturday for the immediate withdrawal of Chinese troops from Vietnam and urged restraint to keep the conflict from spreading.

State Department spokesman Hodding Carter told a hastily called midday briefing that the request was made to China after the Chinese forces crossed the Vietnamese border.

"The United States is critical of any use of force outside one's own territory," he said. "...we are opposed both to the Vietnamese invasion of Cambodia and to the Chinese invasion of Vietnam.

Good Morning

Old school ties

By Jihad Al Khazen

Egyptian journalist Mustafa Amin's recent article on his "Unwelcome Friend" found a more than receptive audience in this office.

Amin wrote of being confounded one day by a visitor who entered his office and asked to see him right away. The man, it turned out, claimed to be an old cell-mate of Amin's and said they had been imprisoned together in Egypt's Al Zaatbal Prison in 1960, during the Nasser era.

Amin did his best to convince the visitors that he not only didn't go to prison until 1965, but also that he'd been lodged in a number of Egyptian prisons—unfortunately not the one in question. But his efforts were in vain.

He finally asked the fellow "prisoner" the purpose of the unannounced visit and was told, "I just wanted to talk about the good old days," as if Amin's office were the local cafe where one could hang around gossiping. The visitor was promptly shown to the door.

Apparently such visits are a hard habit to break in the Arab world. The other day, a gentleman popped in and asked my secretary if he could see me. Unhappily my door wasn't completely closed, so he spotted me inside my office and made himself at home.

I'd just finished listening to the anguished tales of "Asharq Al-Awsat" managing editor Erfan Nezamuddin, who says he can't get his work done because of his friends. "It's snowing outside," they tell him while his eyebrows are covered with the snow. "It's cold," they tell him as he sits so buried in overcoats that all you can see is his eyes peering above his collar. And so on and so forth....

So you can see that I was less than happy with my new visitor. He told me he was a classmate of mine at the LC (the International College of the American University of Beirut) twenty-five years ago.

Unfortunately, I couldn't remember him. It has been a quarter century and I've lost half my hair and the other half has turned white. But still, I don't have any problem remembering any of my other classmates.

But he sat anyway. The telephone soon rang, and it was Hisham Hafez, owner and publisher of "Asharq Al Awsat", and he wanted to talk business. But he understood from my tone of voice that I wasn't free and hung up, telling me to call him in Jeddah.

The phone rang again and this time it was Bob Lebling from our Washington office. He wanted to talk about the way we should cover the next round of Middle East peace talks. But I didn't feel I could do that while this person was listening. Not only was he sitting there, but he was making signals with his eyes as if he wanted to say something. I asked Bob to phone me later.

My "classmate" as a matter of fact, said he wanted to give me some hints and advice on the way the Egyptian and Israeli delegations in Washington should be dealt with.

That was enough. I stood up and showed him to the door, apolozing for having wasted his time, but adding that unfortunately I had to plunge into the newsroom and take care of some pressing daily business.

That took him by surprise. And you can be sure that I didn't come out of the newsroom—which we call the "kitchen"—until I'd been assured that my "classmate" was long gone.

(Translated from "Asharq Al Awsat")

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